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Extendicare to manage Hyland Crest for county

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

County council has signed a three-year contract with Extendicare to take over the management of Hyland Crest.

The deal was effective last Thursday, a day after a surprise meeting of county council, when many councillors heard of the proposal for the first time. By the time they heard all the arguments in favour of the deal, they unanimously voted in favour of the cost-cutting measure.

"The first thing in our minds is the care of the residents," said Warden Murray Fearrey in an interview after the motion was passed in less than a minute. "These people are experts in the field – they have the expertise. The philosophies of Extendicare are very impressive and we think it's a very positive move... They also have resources we could never have tapped into."

Extendicare says that by taking advantage of its expertise and buying clout, it can shave up to $400,000 a year in operating costs. It's not yet known how those cuts will translate into cost savings for local taxpayers, who last year contributed more than $500,000 to the cost of running the county-owned seniors home. The province picks up the bulk of the costs but has made it clear it will no longer be willing to pay approximately an extra $500,000 a year as part of a "red circling" arrangement. (Hyland Crest has been "red circled" for several years because it's average costs per resident are much higher than the norm across the province.) Council had been scared that property owners would have to pick up this threatened loss of revenue.

In return for Extendicare's efficiency, the county will pay the private company between $75,000 and $90,000 a year – money that Extendicare has guaranteed it will help cut from the county's portion of funding. And by having a management contract with Extendicare, Hyland Crest management committee chairman Jock Mavor says that savings will be made

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HURRAH, IT'S SPRING: The warmer weather is enough to make you jump for joy – but Michael Woods was willing to settle for jumping in the mud during a tour of Maplegreen Maple Products and Pancake Barn. The Kinmount Play Group took advantage of the winter break to tour the Dawsons' maple bush and enjoy some pancakes with some of the syrup those trees so graciously provided.

Dysart proposes zero budget increase

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The municipality of Dysart et al plans to chop nearly 10 per cent from what it spent last year to serve its ratepayers a zero per cent tax increase in its 1996 budget.

But the heavy spending reduction will likely mean a few municipal employees will receive layoff notices or could see their hours scaled back, said Dysart reeve Murray Fearrey.

At its meeting last week, Dysart council tabled a preliminary budget of nearly $3.39-million for 1996. That represents a spending cut of nearly $375,000, or about 10 per cent, compared to last year when the municipality's budget was roughly $3.76-million.

Council intends to officially adopt the proposed budget at its meeting on April 8.

"Expenditures in the budget show consistent reductions in most departments to offset the reductions in provincial grants we've received," said Fearrey.

As part of the municipal transfer payment cuts announced by the Queen's Park in the fall, Dysart will see its provincial grants for 1996 cut by about $270,000 to a total of approximately $730,000.

Taking the biggest hits in the proposed budget are spending on recreation and transportation.

Council intends to cut the recreation department's budget back by $124, 000, or roughly 25 per cent, to $352,350, compared to last year when about

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C'EST LE GUERRE: *400 people vie for 50 jobs at Bark Lake*

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Tracey Morrison got laid off from her job in Haliburton a few weeks ago. Her husband, a logger, will be laid off during spring breakup. That's why the young woman was willing to wait six hours at the Glamorgan Community Centre for an interview for one of approximately 50 jobs expected to be created at Bark Lake.

"I'll take anything I get," she says. "I just need a job."

More than 400 people were in a similar position during the past weekend. There was often standing room only as people took their turn to be interviewed.

Belleville businessman Peter Zuuring, who's buying the former provincially-owned Bark Lake Leadership Centre on March 31, advertised the weekend job fair as a way of streamlining the process.

In an interview on Monday morning, he said that approximately half of the program staff can be hired from the applications and all of the other jobs – such as administration, reception, security, nursing and purchasing.

"Quite a few interesting people came out of the woodwork," he says. "It was a very wonderful group and a very successful weekend."

But it's hard to streamline 400 applications all at once, which is why people such as Morrison had to wait for six hours.

There was standing room only in the centre just after lunch.

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Letter reaches "somewhere up north"

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County

We've all heard complaints about mail delivery, but here's a case where Canada Post needs to be applauded. Last week, the Dysart municipal office received a letter from Stratford, Ontario. The only address on the envelope was "Haliburton Tourist Bureau, somewhere up north." Let's hope the woman was asking for directions on how to get here.

Here's a suggestion from Ray Gervais about what to do about goose droppings. An item in Business Week magazine says "wildlife experts at Cornell University say geese are put off by grass sprayed with methyl anthranilate," which tastes like grape.

Hockey fans attending this week's Ministry of Natural Resources tournament in Minden and Haliburton will have a chance to win a signed, framed limited edition print of Doug Gilmour. The print is being raffled, thanks to the efforts of the Minden Misfits, who gently persuaded Sleeman Brewing of Guelph to donate the print as a fundraiser fro the Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming College. Tickets are $2 each and are also available at the SSFC campus in Haliburton.

Is there anyone who isn't suffering from a bad case of spring fever? One person who can't wait for warmer weather is Ev Paull of West Guilford. He's 89 years old but he still cuts his own wood, and that's what he'll be doing as soon as a bit more snow melts. Is he the oldest woodcutter in the county?

Here's something else to get you in the mood for summer: The Cottage Life Show is March 29, 30 and 31 at the International Centre, one mile north of the Toronto airport. Like the magazine, the show is produced by cottagers, for cottagers so it focuses exclusively on what cottagers and wannabe-cottagers most want to see, learn about and shop for. A local angle is the participation of Dave Bishop, education co-ordinator of Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, who will fascinate kids and parents with wolf-calling demonstrations and news about the Haliburton Forest wolf pack. There are also eight seminars on such things as renovations, taxes and boat repairs. For a seminar schedule and registration form, please call 416-360-6880.

The Dorset Recreation Centre invites you to a night of music featuring local talents Daryl Dukoff, Michael Ketemer and John Etches. Snacks and beverages will be available. For more information about the March 22 event (starting at 8 p.m.) call Melissa at 705-766-9968.

People warned of bogus solicitations

In the past week, *The Echo* has received several warnings about solicitation scams.

Lila Hillo of Elephant Lake received a $488 "bill" from Ontario Energy Electric – a company which in no way supplies any electricity to the Hillos. The bill looks very legitimate, almost like an Ontario Hydro bill.

Bancroft OPP says close examination reveals the letters are not invoices but a solicitation to use the services of a company. These statements do not need to be paid.

A memo from the Municipal Electric Association advises customers that Ontario Electric Energy has no connection with local hydro-electric utilities or Ontario Hydro. Anyone who receives such a "bill" is asked to contact their OPP.

Police advise caution

The OPP Anti-Rackets Section is presently investigating telephone solicitations from representatives of magazines selling ads purporting to assist the police in locating lost children and safety information.

Some of the publications are named: Ontario Provincial Police News, Our Provincial Police News, Our Provincial Police Today, OPP News, and Ontario Police Magazine.

The OPP is not associated with any of these publications.

Persons receiving telephone solicitations should be cautious before subscribing. Ask the caller for their business address, phone number and a copy of the publication before subscribing. If they claim to be a charity, obtain their registration number with Revenue Canada at 1-800-267-2384.

Fundraising alert

Telephone calls asking for money in support of blind athletes and children are in no way connected to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

The CNIB wants to make it very clear that they are receiving no funds whatsoever from this campaign. For information call CNIB at (705) 745-6918.

Stolen snowmobiles found

On March 10, two Ski-Doo snow machines, a 1996 and 1995, were found smashed against trees on the Tall Pine Trail near Dorset.

When police removed the machines, the owner, Peter Pearce of Uxbridge was contacted. He was unaware that his machines had been stolen. Both were badly damaged and parts were stolen off the machines by unknown thieves or by other snowmobilers after the machines were abandoned.

Injured climber

On March 19, Gunner Agner, age 34, and friends were climbing a rock cliff on Raven Lake when Agner lost his balance, falling approximately 15 feet.

The Dorset Fire Department attended and managed to get Agner to Raven Lake landing where he was taken to Huntsville Hospital with two broken legs.

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Rejoicing in Tim Heming's life

500 people fill Archie Stouffer Elementary School gymnasium to celebrate the gifts of a special boy

SAY IT IN SONG: Family friend Brent Titcombe was one of the many people who shared their gift of song with people at Sunday's memorial service. Joining him are Tim's family, including parents Laurie and Rob (right), brother Jesse and sister Kate..

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

It was as if you took all the experiences of life and boiled them down to their primary elements – love, pain, happiness, anger, acceptance and great joy.

And in the gymnasium at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on Sunday, there was one more element: transcendence.

The memorial service for Tim Heming was a way of people rising about their grief and rejoicing in Tim's life as person after person explored why the 12-year-old was so important in their lives and how, in the words of one of his camp counsellors, "he had a lot more special gifts than special needs."

Perhaps this feeling was given its most perfect image when Tim's mother, Laurie, described what happened to her the day before Tim died.

She was lying with him in his hospital bed at Hospital for Sick Children, her head resting on his chest. There were tubes sticking in and out of his body and the room was filled with the whir of medicine's most high tech machines. Although the family had always known that Tim would not live long – that he was not even supposed to live beyond his first day – there was no way for his family to be fully prepared for the end of their life together. Turning to him, she asked "why is this so hard?"

Somehow she drifted off and without opening her eyes, she says Tim gave her a vision. He was standing over the atrium at the Toronto hospital, "just beaming incredible love and light," she said, her face beaming as she faced 500 people whose own eyes were filled with tears. Then Tim said, his arms outstretched, "this is my sacrifice."

"For those few seconds I knew everything was alright," Laurie said. "He was able to transfer the love and the joy that we see here today."

Tim's final gift was of a "living death". As a mother, she had sometimes felt guilty for giving him a body that caused so much pain and didn't allow him to do all of the things he wanted to. "He let me know it was all right... He came here as a teacher and the people who were with him learned well. If he had come in any other body, he could not have done what he did."

Earlier, the Rev. Robert Thaler, who first met Tim's dad, Rob, when they were both teenagers at camp, made a stunning and often poignant connection between Tim and two verses in II Timothy, Chapter 4: "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

"Tim's race ran through our lives and we're all changed because of it," Thaler said. For those who think Tim's race was cut short – through death and through a lifetime of special needs – Thaler said they couldn't be farther from the truth.

"God gave Tim a race for 12 years, full of meaning and purpose. Tim knew his life was not to be long... (and God) set Tim among family and friends who let him run the race. (His family was) his gift – you surrounded him with such deep love, courage and respect", making sure that Tim felt the full gamut of joys and sorrows. "The love of God first filled you and then flowed over Tim...

"We do not run alone."

In turn, Tim gave gifts to others. In song, in verse, in stories and in tears, people bravely walked to the microphone at the front of the crowded gym and spoke of Tim's influence in their lives. What emerged was an image of a boy who combined all the grace of a saint and the funny devilishness of a typical adolescent:

Tim taking photographs of girls on the beach (instead of the nature scenes his camp counsellor had in mind.) Tim reaching out his arms and hugging someone who is not usually so quick to feel such immediate love. Tim racing through the halls in his wheelchair and flying through the snow on his toboggan, ending up in a snowbank at the bottom of Camp Wanakita's "Baby Cardiac Hill." Tim reaching out to other children with a smile and getting them to do all things their parents couldn't. Tim blushing as a young girl offered him his first kiss. Tim "running free in the green fields of God's love." Tim making his educational assistant's hair turn grey because of his shenanigans. Tim being near death and time and time again, pulling through it. Tim "just hanging out" with two of his friends, Dustin Howard and Kyle Aggett, who wrote a poem about their fun times together. Tim setting aside his own pain so he could help others with theirs. And Tim pouring the Cheerios in the butter so he could lick it up.

Rob Heming, holding the hockey stick that Felix Potvin gave to his son, said that Tim had a very specific idea for the perfect memorial service: turn on The Sports Network, eat junk food and play Sega when you take a break from cheering on the Leafs and Blue Jays. (Rob even credited Tim for leaning down from heaven and whispering his strategy to Wendel Clark, who scored a goal in his first game back with the Leafs.)

It would be hard to weave together all the aspects of the two-hour service that brought together people from all walks of Highlands life, and to include all the people who Laurie Heming reached out with her heart to thank. All the children were given a gift and then many gathered at Mattssons for more signing and stories.

The formal service began with Tim's older sister, Katie. Composed, and with the same twinkle that made Timmy so beloved, she read a poem called "Song of the Spirit." Then, Jim Hopkins prepared people for the tone of the afternoon by teaching everyone how to sing "Listen to the Water" with a calypso beat.

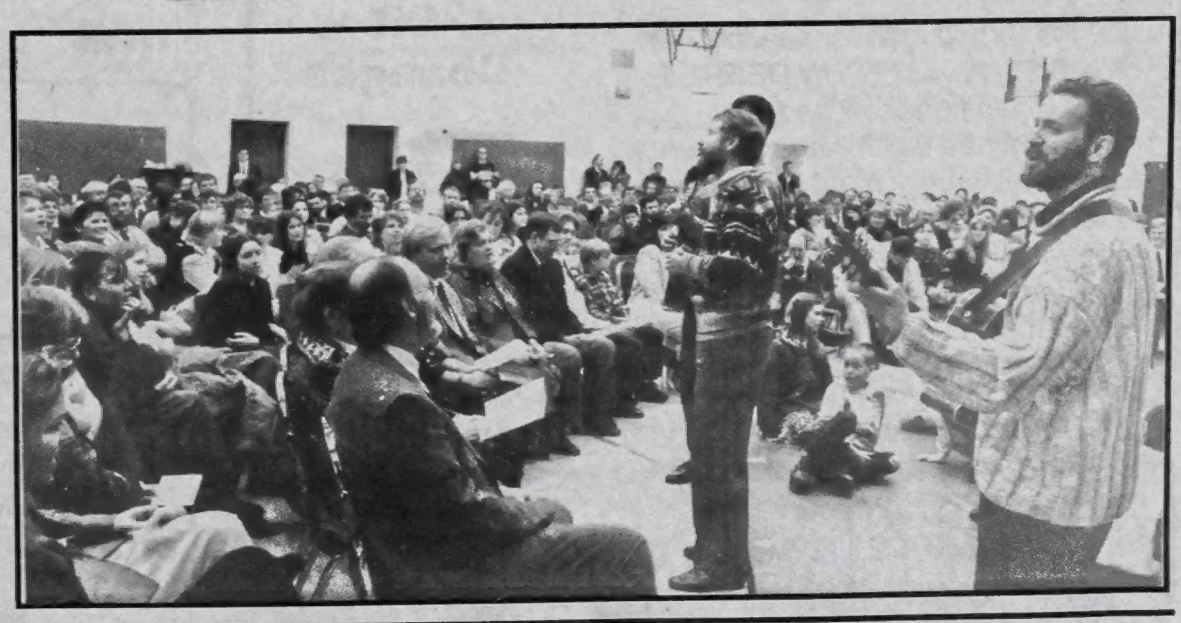
After all, this was exactly the type of memorial service you'd get if you gathered 500 people around a campfire, the quintessential experience of summer in the Highlands. Both Rob and his brother Steve are synonymous with summer camp in Haliburton, Rob at the former Bark Lake Leadership Centre and Steve at YMCA Camp Wanakita. Many campers, counsellors and fellow staff members were at the service, illuminating the bonds which have been woven between so many lives over the years.

And it was in the tradition of summer camp that the service came to an end. Steve Heming and two fellow staffers had 500 people singing in three-part harmony and you could almost hear the cackle of a campfire.

Five hundred voices, five hundred hearts merged together as the gym filled with these words: "The road that we are travelling is long 'til journey's end, We share one destination, so walk with me my friend."

People felt that Tim indeed was walking alongside them, his wheelchair left behind him on earth.

The summer camp atmosphere was perfectly captured by Tim's uncle Steve, centre in photo below, and "the two Daves" from Wanakita. Dustin Howard and Kyle Aggett remembered their friend in a fun poem



Some staff laid off, others have hours reduced in Dysart's proposed budget

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ation.

The cut will mean two of the three full-time employees at Haliburton's arena will either be laid off after the hockey season or could end up working reduced hours doing other jobs for the municipality, such as cutting grass and street sweeping, said Fearrey.

In addition, the museum will receive a steep budget cut that will likely mean reduced hours for some or all of its three employees and reduced hours of operation.

Fearrey said it will be up to curator Tom Ballantine to figure out how the museum is to best get by with less.

As well as savings through a reduced recreation budget, council is also considering implementing user fees for night-time use of its baseball diamonds to offset its costs to light the diamonds, said Fearrey.

The municipality plans to cut is transportation budget by about $245,000 to $1.16-million, compared to the $1.4-million it spent last year.

Fearrey conceded it may be difficult to stay within that tight budget, but said the municipality would try to keep to the target.

All municipalities across the province have been told by Queen's Park to anticipate transfer payment cuts of about the same size next year.

Fearrey said staff in all department's have been told to be "innovative" as they prepare for the promised second hit.

Councillors passed a motion at last week's meeting urging the Haliburton County Board of Education to hold the line on budget increases.

However, Fearrey and Ward 4 councillor Leon Jones doubted whether the request would be effective.

"You're just wasting a stamp," said Jones.

But deputy-reeve Bill Davis, who initiated the motion, argued the move would show the board how serious council is about making sure ratepayers don't receive a tax hike this year.

SUBWAY OPEN: Subway Sub celebrated the official opening of its restaurant in Haliburton village March 11. Helping owner Joe Lopez (left) with the ribbon cutting are Dysart reeve Murray Fearrey, Ken Fielding, Subway representative for northern and eastern Ontario, and mascot Subman.

Santa's making his list of volunteers for parade float

by MORGAN CONNER
Katimavik Participant

Bill Beatty wants some help.

He's heading a committee which wants to make a permanent Haliburton Santa Claus float.

He is looking for people with expertise in float building and paper maché. But everyone can get into the act by donating leftover paint or other materials.

The Haliburton BIA has started things rolling with a $300 donation and the Dysart fire department chipped in another $200.

The committee is considering making it a self-propelled float so an old truck of some sort is also sought. An indoor place to work on the float is also needed.

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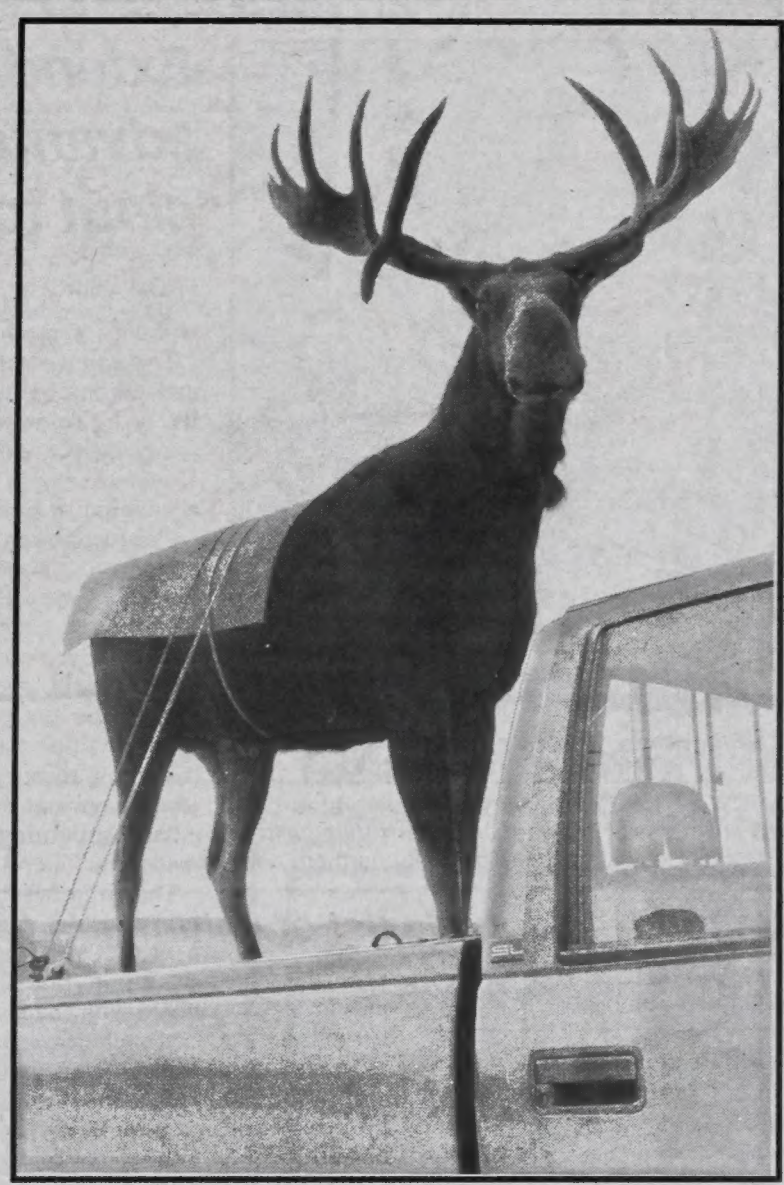
What's your guess on when Head Lake will be clear of ice?

It's that time of year again – or at least it had better be.

Last week's sunny skies gave everyone in the Highlands a serious case of spring fever. Here at The Echo, it reminded us that it's time for our annual "When will the ice go off Head Lake."

Ballots are available at The Echo office or you can phone (457-1037) or fax (457-3275) us with your best guess of when all the ice will have melted. Please include your name, phone number, prediction date and time (since last year we had a three-way tie for the right date.)

The deadline for your guesses is Friday, March 29.



A STRANGE SIGHT: There are times you wished you had a video camera... One of those times was last Tuesday, when this moose travelled through Haliburton village in the back of Terry and Liz Cowen's pick up truck. The Cowens had mounted the moose for Haliburton Forest, which will use it as a display at its new Education Centre. The sight of the moose certainly caused heads to turn and smiles to come to the faces of winter weary passersby.

Three men sustain burns in early morning Redstone fire

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Three men received non-life-threatening burns after an early morning cottage fire on an island on Redstone Lake.

The fire was already well underway when owner Larry Dawson of Whitby and two guests awoke. One man escaped through the door of the small, older cottage and one man escaped through a window. However, this man's son was trapped in one of the bedrooms, unable to get out because the fire was in the hallway. The father broke through the window from the outside and helped his son through the window. The son received the most serious burns, which were on his back.

All three were taken to Haliburton Hospital but the Dysart fire department is not allowed to release their names.

"A fire more minutes and they wouldn't have got out," notes fire chief Miles Maughan, adding that there wasn't a fire alarm in the cottage. The alarm would have allowed earlier detection of the fire.

Dysart received the fire call at 7:17 on Monday morning and by 7:37, the first of 15 men reached the scene. Three snowmobiles were used to transport the firefighters across the ice to the island. They drilled a hole in the ice and used a portable pump for their water source.

"The place had started burning around six o'clock so it was pretty well burnt when we arrived," Maughan says. "It was more a matter of putting out the ashes and making sure it didn't spread."

A cottage next door, owned by Dawson's brother, was also already on fire when the volunteer fireman arrived. It too was lost.

A wood stove is being blamed for the cause of the fire. It may have been improperly installed. Total damage is estimated at $100,000.

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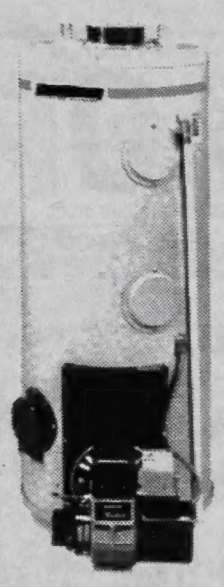

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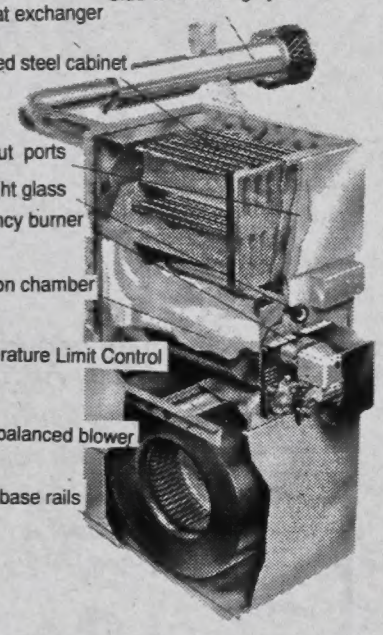

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On hand to sign the agreement for Extendicare to manage Hyland Crest were, from left, Warden Murray Fearrey, John McLaughlin and Jan Laughlin of Extendicare, managment committee chairman Jock Mavor and administrator Gary McKnight

Extendicare to take advantage of buying clout to help cut costs

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without compromising the quality of care for residents.

The county will still have a management committee and union contracts will be kept in place. There will likely be some job loss, though no one will say how many people will be laid off or in what department. However, one of the plans is to centralize payroll and accounting at Extendicare's Toronto office.

"We understand how to make it efficient and put our systems into place," says John McLaughlin, president of Canadian operations based in Markham. Extendicare also operates homes in United States and the United Kingdom, representing about 18,000 beds. This gives it a lot of clout when purchasing supplies and services. It also makes it big enough to have its own staff to consult on everything from boiler room operations to human resources to nursing practices. Staff on site will also likely have many ideas of how to trim costs, he said.

"We don't bring any magic but we do have many more resources."

The size of Hyland Crest's physical plant "scared us a bit," but McLaughlin says Extendicare will spend the next 60 days closely examining all aspects of running the home. It will then come back to the management board with suggestions on how to implement changes.

"Extendicare has no power to lay people off," says McLaughlin, who met with the unions on Thursday. "How much and where (the changeover) will affect employees is beyond me at this moment, but we will keep employees very informed."

Whatever changes will be made will be "implemented in as humane a manner" as possible.

"I think we're a good company and a caring company," he said while his counterpart, Jan Laughlin, vice-president of managed facilities and business development, talked informally with some of the councillors in the Hyland Crest auditorium on Wednesday night.

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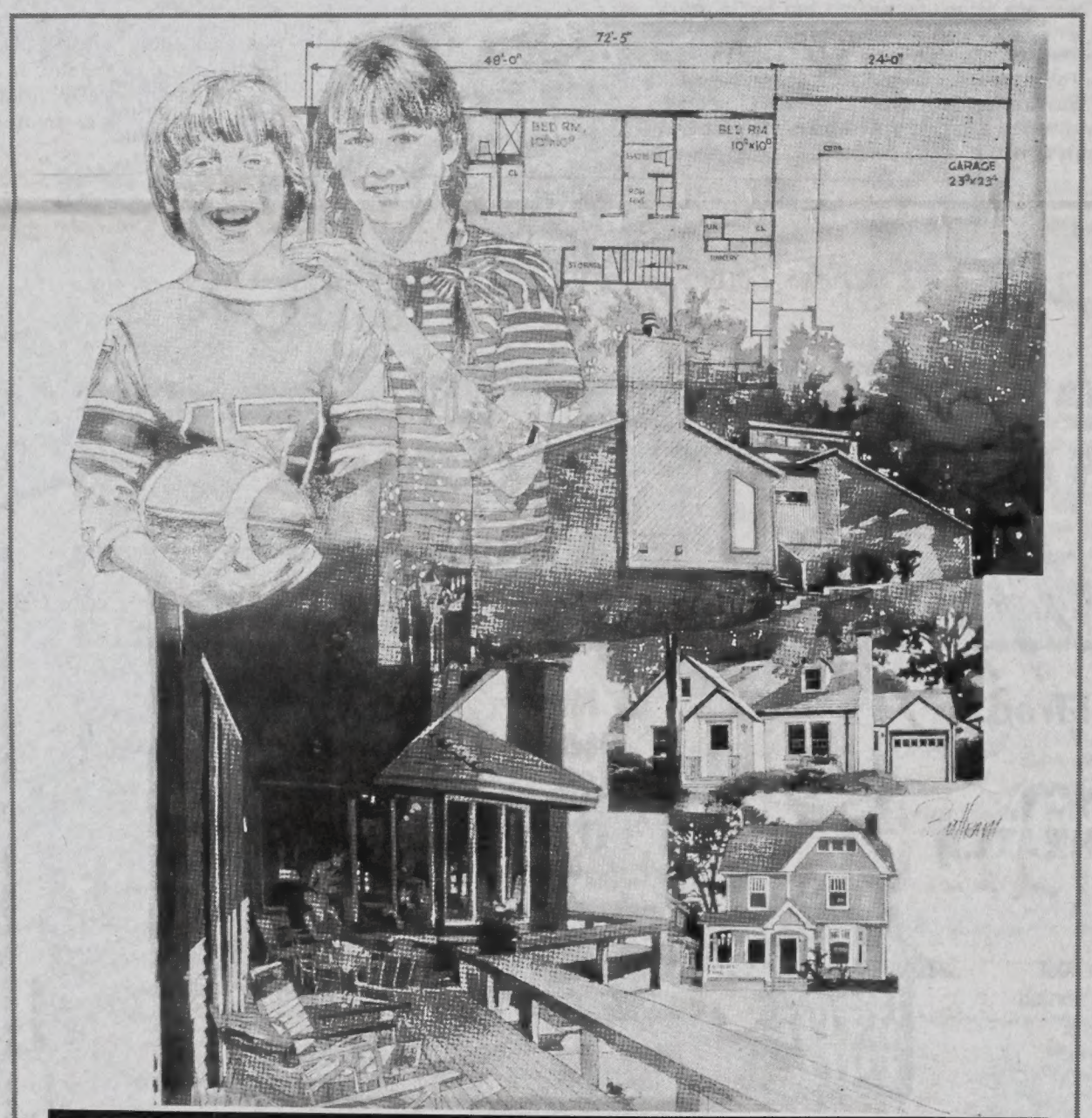

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Health board's reaction mixed to Extendicare deal

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The county's arrangement with Extendicare to take over management of Hyland Crest may make the process more complicated for the Acting Health Services when it takes over control of the county-owned seniors home, but many board members felt it was a positive move forward.

"I think Extendicare will do a lot of the work that has to be done before we come on board," said Hugh Nichol at Wednesday night's board meeting.

Part way through the monthly meeting, county representative Ross Rabjohn joined the board, coming straight from a county council meeting in Minden at which the three-year management contract was approved.

"We felt (the agreement) was very much in favour of the AHSB," the Sherborne reeve said. "It just gives the board a nice breathing space."

The province has said that as part of a capital restructuring plan, the board is to take over governance of the Minden and Haliburton hospitals as well as Hyland Crest, which will almost be doubled in size to better accommodate the residents. The Minden emergency site will also be linked with Hyland Crest, which is owned by the county.

Governance of the two hospitals is to be transferred from St. Joseph's Hospital in Peterborough on April 1. As the board copes with this new role, it was generally accepted it couldn't take over Hyland Crest until at least January 1, 1997.

Until that time, the county is faced with enormous financial pressures and felt it had to do something for this fiscal year.

One major problem is the "red circling", by which the province agrees to pick up the $500,000 annual difference between what it costs to run Hyland Crest and the provincial average. The province has made it clear this funding will soon be discontinued. Meanwhile, property taxpayers also contribute $500,000 a year to Hyland Crest. Extendicare hopes to trim about $400,000 a year in operating costs.

"Wouldn't it be nice if red circling was out of the way before you took over?" Rabjohn asked. "This contract is for the day to day activities and won't have any effect on whether you decide to double the building."

He apologized that the board was not part of the negotiations, but council felt it must deal with the issue quickly and without rumours circulating in the community first.

"In the long run, the only thing that will count with the Ministry of Health is that our board has control," Nichol said. "We will take over governance but there will be a management firm in place."

Board members Doug Campbell and Ted Wilkes were not as optimistic about the benefits. Campbell suggested the board wait until the three-year contract is over before starting the upgrading on Hyland Crest. (Other board members say the Ministry has made it very clear that in order to access the funding package, Hyland Crest must be part of the deal from day one. If it's not, the county would have to pick up the entire $10.6-million cost.) Wilkes wondered how much control the board would have over management. "How can we go to the Ministry when we don't have any say?"

Rabjohn said it was more a case of the board taking over the role of the Hyland Crest management committee, which is still in place with the new arrangement.

John McLaughlin, president of Extendicare Canada, says Extendicare will be interested in making a similar arrangement with the health services board. "I'd like to think they'd want us to stay on as managers," he said earlier in the evening in Minden. "When the board takes over, Hyland Crest will be efficient and the community will not be responsible for pumping half a million dollars a year into it."

Minden emergency hours complicated by funding

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

There is a $100,000 gulf between the services the Acting Health Services Board wants to be able to provide at the new Minden emergency site, and what it can afford.

Ideally, the board would like to offer 16-hours-a-day service in Minden, partly because this is more attractive to the doctors it must hire and partly because it's more in keeping with what the community wants. Twenty-four service would be provided only in the peak summer months.

But even if it could save $100,000 by offering 12-hour service for nine months of a year, it is still facing a deficit of $82,000 a year. Deficit budgeting is not allowed for hospitals.

So what's a well-intentioned board to do?

Finance chairman Hugh Nichol says it's imperative to deal with the fiscal restraint, whether the board enjoys making those decisions or not.

"Don't shoot the messenger," he told fellow board members at Wednesday night's meeting at St. Anthony's church in Haliburton. The board may have to start off with a configuration of hours it doesn't like and hope there will be enough cost savings to improve the situation later in the year.

The only bit of good news is that it seems likely the board's funding decrease will be 2.5% for small hospitals as compared to a 6.6% for all other hospitals. And at a recent meeting with Ministry of Health officials, they seemed quite confident savings could be made through the restructuring process.

Annabelle Garland of MOH "did make it seem as if there's enough flexibility to submit a balanced operating plan," said executive director Foster Loucks, who wasn't as optimistic.

The projected deficit, given a 2.5% funding reduction, is $82,217 if 12-hour-a-day emergency service is offered in Minden for the bulk of the year. That deficit rises to $185,000 at 16-hours-a-day because the board must guarantee the fees charged by the out-of-county doctors who are hired. However, those doctors prefer the 16-hour option.

Garland is recommending the board receive extra funding to help with the local restructuring, but it's not yet known if that will be approvede. The board is proposing $225,000 for the cost of restructuring.

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Bark Lake attracts 400

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Elsie Brown, who helped run a canteen, said that when she arrived at 8:30 on Saturday morning, there were already two people waiting. The job fair began at 10 (and lasted until 6 p.m. on Sunday).

Tracey and her brother, Jeff Bull, arrived shortly after 10 and it was after three when their names were called.

"You couldn't walk through here. It was packed. There were people lined up around the walls," says Tracey, her gaze circling around the reception area where people drank coffee, played cards, read the newspaper and filled out applications as they waited for an interview.

Jeff seemed optimistic as he returned from his brief interview. There were literally dozens of applications for maintenance, he said, but he could have a chance getting a job on security.

"I like the way they talk to you – their positive outlook, especially this late in the day," he says.

Vicki Breen was there with her husband, Kent, and father, Ed Morais. She's looking for a secretarial/administration job. She thinks a job at Bark Lake would be a good opportunity, personally and professionally. "You'd be meeting new people constantly and be exposed to a lot of different things."

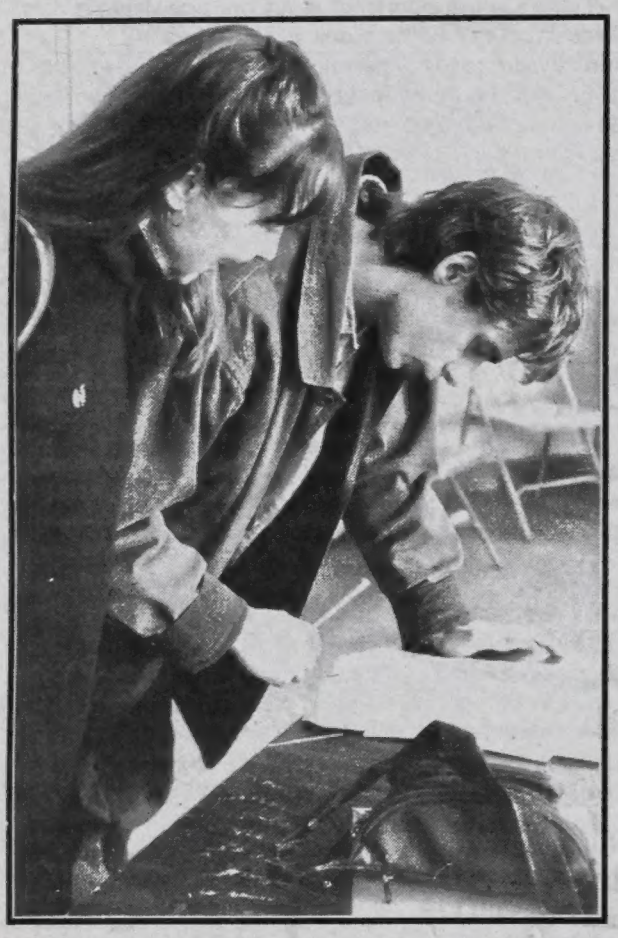
She also recognizes that in this day and age, "it's an employer's market." Not speaking specifically about Bark Lake, she says "if you do get an interview they lay out all these duties and give you minimum wage and you can't say no because there are so many people looking for work. That's what makes me so mad about this OPSEU strike. Have you ever heard of a union person getting fired?"

"When you do have a job, it's not secure," says Tracey, who had worked at her former job for almost five years. "So many people are unemployed, they know they can get someone cheaper."

"C'est le guerre," says Kent Breen, taking a philosophical approach to work in the '90s. "Our parents enjoyed the growth in the '60s and '70s and now we're paying the tab."

His wife just hopes that by the time the next generation is looking for work, the economy will have swung upward again.

Zuuring says those people who will have a second interview will be called in two weeks and the second round of interviews will take place at Bark Lake.



WAITING FOR WORK: Vicki Breen, Jeff Bull, Ed Morais and Tracey Morrison pass the time playing cards while they wait for an interview at the Bark Lake job fair at the Glamorgan Community Centre on Saturday. At left, Caleb Robinson of Millbrook fills out application while his mother Nancy looks on.

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Minden buys buildings next to municipal lot

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Thursday morning's Minden council meeting.

The buildings and land adjacent to the municipal parking lot, formerly Brian Adamson's law office and antique store, are being bought by the municipality for $110,600.

Council does not yet know what it will do with the stone house but the white storage building will very likely be torn down to provide more space for parking or a municipal square.

The deal is expected to close at the end of this month.

Council had put an offer in on the land and buildings previously, but it was not accepted and council was very pleased its second attempt has been successful.

"I really am pleased," said Councillor Sinc Nesbitt, who showed his enthusiasm by voting for the motion with both hands. "I think it's a great move."

Spring reveals a messy problem

Haliburton has a problem with goose guano; in Minden, it's doggy doo.

As winter's snow melts, council's thoughts are turning to what being exposed along the banks of the Gull River, a popular place for people walking their dogs. Unfortunately, it's also popular for bathers, picnickers and people who just want to take a stroll without a dog.

Deputy-reeve Gerald Rome has even watched owners let their dogs do their business on the main street, but not the type of business the merchants and fellow shoppers appreciate.

Minden has no by-law forcing people to carry along some sort of pooper scooper when they walk their dog, primarily because it would be so hard to enforce. But Nesbitt led the discussion about a need for some way to persuade dog owners to stoop and scoop out of consideration for others.

"It's pretty bad and it's something that needs dealing with," he said, suggesting council put an ad in the newspaper requesting dog owners to clean up after their pooch in any public place. Anthon suggested putting a notice in tax bills.

Water and sewer

Good management is being credited for averting a rate increase for either sewer or water services in Minden village. The two budgets, which are paid for on a strictly user fee basis, were approved as presented.

Cameron said they're implementing a new automated system and alarm at the sewage treatment plant which will eliminate the need for the person on call on weekends to regularly go to the plant. A pager will let the person know if there's a problem.

Good roads?

Rural realities do not seem to have been taken into consideration with the province's proposed guidelines about staffing requirements for roads. For instance, the province suggests having a roads superintendent only when there's 400 km of road, and a roads depot only when there are a minimum of 20 workers. With the latter suggestion, Roads Superintendent Clayton Cameron said that would basically mean one depot for the entire western half of the county. The first suggestion is also unrealistic for this area, he said. In southern Ontario, many concession roads are linked, making it possible to plow in one continuous line. In this county, there are many dead-end roads and roads which branch off from highways and county roads with little continuity.

"We can travel 150 km to do 40 km of road," he said.

Councillor Daryl Moore, who attended the recent Ontario Good Roads Association convention where the issue was discussed, thinks "the numbers are atrocious. It sounded like Good Roads is sitting in the middle and doing what the government wants it to do."

Cameron said there are too many unknowns about the province's future plans. Good Roads is looking for direction, such as becoming a technical adviser for road construction, since the Ministry is no longer commenting on plans. Rome heard speculation that Good Roads wouldn't exist in five years. As well, if there are changes with restructuring, he says the changes must be reflective of the area's needs and realities.

A bad hill

There's no disagreeing about the fact that the Scotch Line West hill is the worst in the municipality. But it's already the roads department's first priority, and there's little else the municipality can afford to do in response to a complaint by a cottager who had difficulties getting up the hill

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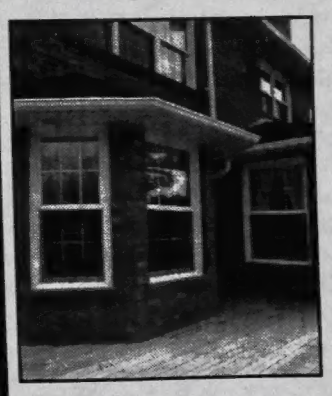

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Editorial

A welcome team player

EITHER HALIBURTON EXTENDICARE is a master magician, miraculously sweeping any problems into the broom closet, or it is exactly what it seems to be – a very well-run and caring residence for our older citizens.

Not a complaint or rumour has been heard in the 20 years it's been in Haliburton and that's pretty hard to fake in a small town, where rumours are like a social currency to be traded and cashed in. With such a solid reputation in Haliburton village, county council is to be congratulated for a management agreement to have Extendicare take over day-to-day operations of Hyland Crest.

Foremost on some councillors' minds was the opportunity to save hundreds of thousands of dollars. By tapping in to Extendicare's international buying power and management infrastructure, the county-owned home can get better prices and services than as a stand-alone facility. Since Hyland Crest has been "red circled" by the government because of its higher-than-average costs, and it seems certain the government will no longer be willing to "top up" funds to the tune of $500,000 a year, there's a lot of pressure to try to get those costs more in line.

The downside with this is that some of the services previously provided on site – such as payroll and accounting – will now be done in Toronto, and that means the possibility of layoffs. No one likes to see jobs lost in a small community.

But while it's important to ensure the financial burden does not fall on local taxpayers' shoulders, the most beneficial aspect of the deal is the promise of cleaning up some of the problems which have plagued Hyland Crest for years. No matter how you want to lay the blame, Hyland Crest has definitely not shared the rumour-free reputation of Haliburton Extendicare, and people have long asked why.

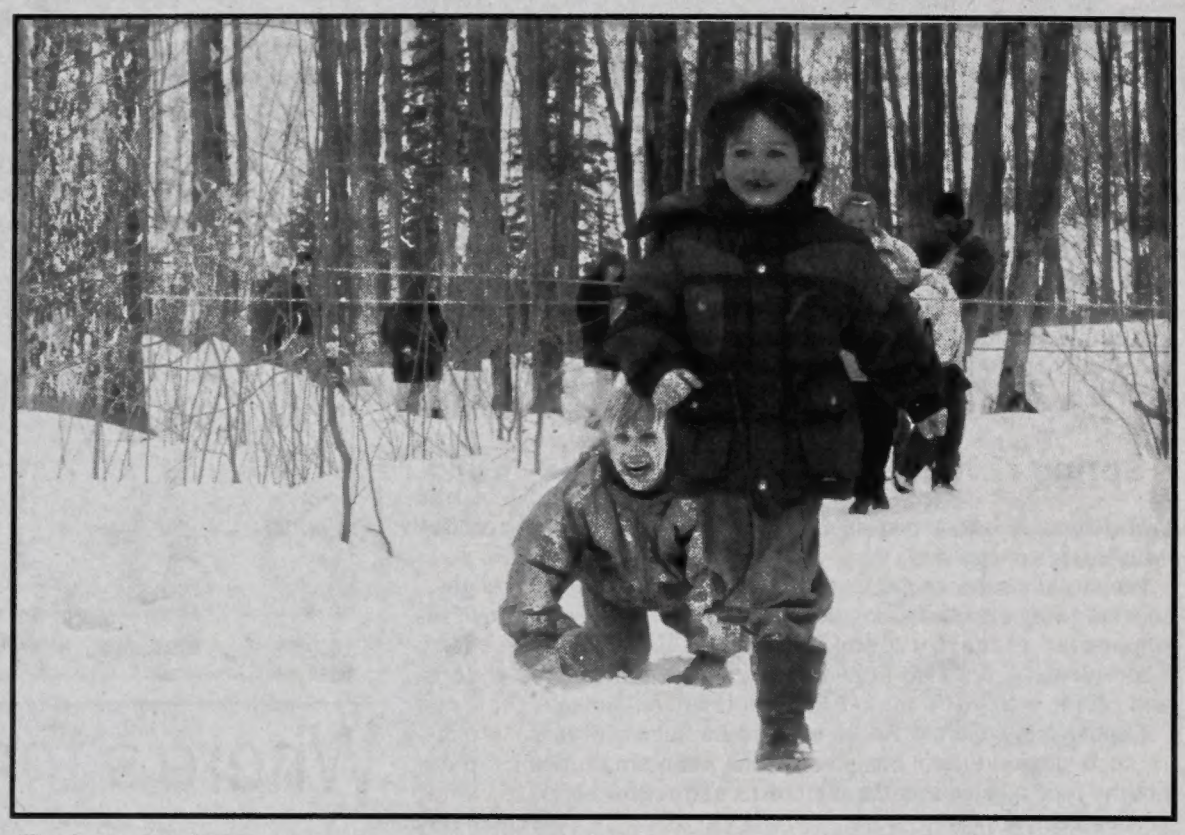
Part of the problem is endemic. Whatever convinced the province that counties should be in the business of running nursing homes? Provincial legislation says each county must provide a senior citizens home and most counties took that to mean they should also manage these homes, even though few politicians have any experience or expertise with such a task. When you bring a political organization into the business of running a seniors home, it's not surprising that the home also becomes politicized.

Over the past few years, there have been several concerns: the high turnover of senior staff, the practice of tieing residents to their beds or chairs, the use of drugs to control problem behaviours and the quagmire which ensued when a staff member charged a resident, who had dementia, with assault. Many of these problems have been addressed, and you can't stress enough that the vast majority of staff are caring and compassionate, but judging by phone calls to *The Echo*, problems have not disappeared.

Those problems, however, will likely be addressed swiftly and firmly by Extendicare, which has a firm and philosophical commitment to providing the best care to residents. As a feature of Haliburton Extendicare explores this week, there are just as many stresses and dilemmas facing the staff at Extendicare, who work in very cramped quarters, but they accept these as part of responsibility of taking care of people who may be in physical and mental decline. The facility is the residents' home, and everything is geared to meet their needs.

In some ways, the management agreement complicates the takeover of Hyland Crest by the Acting Health Services Board. The Ministry of Health has made it very, very clear that Hyland Crest is part of a package deal for $10.6-million in capital expansion of healthcare facilities. Hyland Crest can't be separated from the package and the board will be assuming responsibility for Hyland Crest, likely January 1, 1997. There is no option for the county unless it wants to throw away the province's $6-million share of that money and see healthcare in the county dwindle away until there will not be much of a county left to govern.

But Extendicare has shown itself open to negotiations and in essence, "control" of Hyland Crest will simply switch from the county's management committee to the health board. The arrangement gives the board some valuable breathing space and takes off pressure. More importantly, it seems to add to the growing sense of optimism that construction of these much-anticipated expanded facilities will indeed begin by next year. **M.P.**



The joys of spring by Martha Perkins

Letters to the Editor

Everyone must live together

To the Editor:

To work or not to work was the hard choice I had to make the Sunday before the strike began at the Ministry of Natural Resources offices. It was an entirely personal decision for each of us to make and I chose to work. I stayed home for six days in support of my fellow workers but could not afford to stay home any longer. In our community there are many who are unemployed. So who are we to boycott our jobs when so many others are in dire need of a job?

I felt that OPSEU tempted its members into a strike vote by suggesting that a strike vote did not necessarily mean a strike. I wonder how many people are on the picket line who do not want to be there? When we placed our vote most of us felt overwhelmed by information (and misinformation) from both government and OPSEU. I voted no to a strike.

I believe OPSEU management misjudged the government's stubbornness and the public's mood. The union said the strike would be a short one, and it looks as if that was a wrong call. Whatever benefits, if any, are gained by the strike would have to be greater than the cost of the strike to each member.

I resent intimidation, especially the Scabs Can't Hide poster with my name on it. I have made my decision and I will stick with it. I will cross the line each day and put up with harassment from my co-workers. I think my decision was right and I am sure the pickets think they are right.

No matter which side of the line you are on, there will be no real winners, but I will respect your decision and I expect you to respect mine. No matter what the outcome will be, when this is over we will still be co-workers and still live in the same small community.

Josy Maybee,
MNR Employee

Intimidation must end if worker is to join pickets

Open statement to OPSEU management, membership and fellow workers:

For the weeks preceding the current strike I wrestled with the consequences of a very difficult personal decision. My decision to cross the line was a result of careful analysis of all available information, the support of my family, and my personal beliefs and values. The financial perspective was also an issue.

I support collective bargaining and the right of the individual to participate in this process without prejudice to their status of employment. However, this is complemented with the individual's right to report to work.

I have a major philosophical difficulty with the actions supported by OPSEU in maintaining the picket lines. For those of us who have exercised our legal right to return to work, we have been met with tactics that I, as a member of Ontario society, cannot abide. The tactics have ranged from fully acceptable and expected, to those that are completely unacceptable and unfortunately - based on my personal experiences with and knowledge of the labour and union movement - also expected. Fellow workers have asked, begged, harassed, intimidated and threatened my family, home and person in efforts to convince me to not cross their picket lines. My utmost contempt, however, I reserve for the implementation of the "Goon Squads" by the OPSEU rank and file.

In respect for my co-workers who have demonstrated appropriate methods of maintaining a picket line I agreed that on March 11 only, I would sacrifice what I feel is right and honour their picket line. At the same time I have returned my union membership card, since I cannot belong to or have any allegiance with an organization that has such flagrant disregard for the laws of the land, and such disrespect for the individual's right to a legal decision.

I will, however, discontinue crossing the picket lines if;

- The President of OPSEU publicly announces that all tactics that contravening someone's right to return to work will be condemned and terminated.
- The members of the public wishing to access public places be allowed to do so.
- The picket line be allowed five minutes only to detain those individuals exercising their right to return to work .

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30% tax cut isn't much of a "gift"

NORTHERN LIGHTS

Virginia Muenzel

THE ONTARIO government is set to borrow several million (or is it billion?) dollars from the U.S. in order to 'give us a 30% tax break." Huh? What? Da!

It's perfect, Mr. Harris. First you cut education, health, social services, jobs, and so on to the core. Then you ask the population to accept being fooled into thinking that 30% of nothing is a break. The purpose, it seems, is to send us all streaming out to buy appliances, cars, computers, etc. with our temporary windfall. I say temporary because we do know that next year we'll have more cuts in order to repay that loan, or at least its interest. And I've got news for you, Mikey. Most of us will be using that 'tax break' to catch up on the higher municipal taxes.

I don't want to be rich. Really I don't. But I guess I dream of an Utopian life in which tough times are shared by everyone. And governments, provincial and federal, don't bow to kiss the feet of bankers and corporate billionaires, or let those with all the money grab for even more while they carelessly downsize masses of the workforce into poverty.

There are things about the money grabbers that make me angry. When multi-billion dollar banks pretend tact and feign 'service' by inviting the community's seniors in to be shown the wonders of the automatic teller, then attempt to force the issue by cutting down to two human tellers during the last week of the month, I get mad. Obviously, none of the bank bigwigs are old enough to have medical disorders that leave them easily rattled when faced with something as unfamiliarly daunting as computerized banking. Nor can they be aware that if you have a couple of cataracts, sometimes that screen is just a grey, confusing mass.

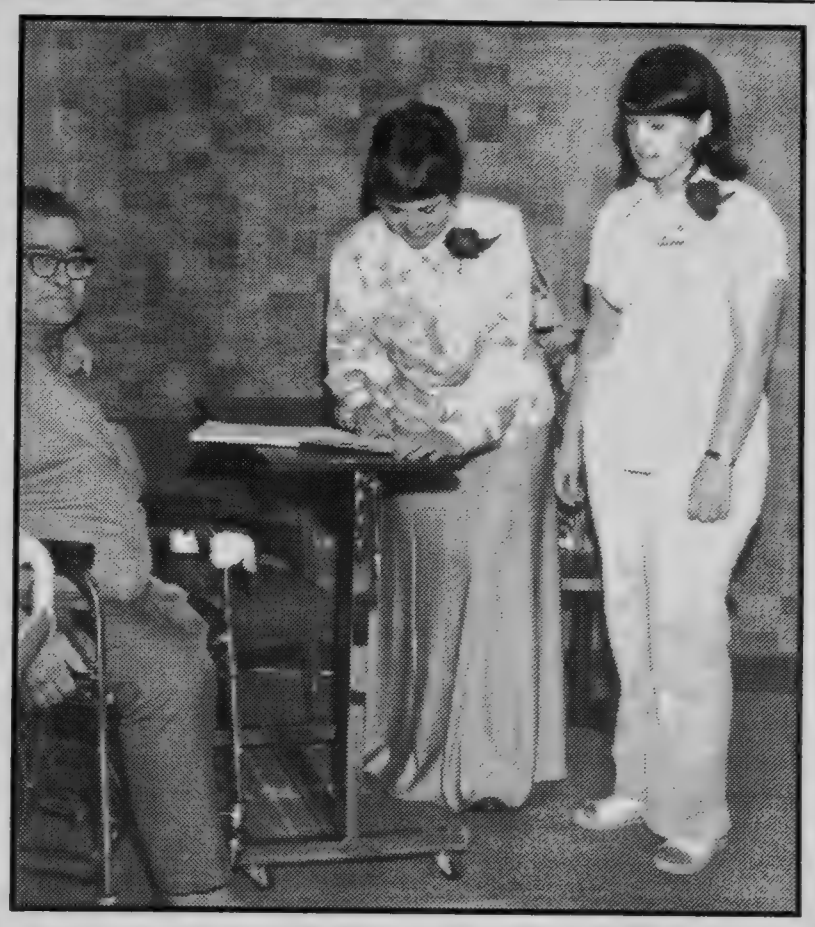
So, nowadays, our eldest seniors who loathe and even fear 'that machine', stand in long sluggish lines with their arthritis, bad knees, hips, and hearts, to withdraw the pensions they have worked so long and hard for. By the time they have their money in hand, some of them are already too weary or lame to shop.

The banks, who have the ultimate power, have made it clear that the machines are taking over. I suppose within our lifetime, banks will become like video arcades with nary a human in sight.

I also have little respect for a federal government that can find the utter gall to openly discuss 'reorganizing' unemployment insurance for seasonal workers, while voting themselves a raise. Worse yet, MPs and senators, who own gluttonous pensions insure them of millions, are pondering the decline of the pension for the rest of us. They seem hard pressed to 'find' the money.

And isn't it amazing that billion dollar corporations have managed to blackmail the governments into lowering their tax burdens to a mere 7% while the rest of us poor schnooks pay upwards of 50%. But let's be fair. The Chretien government is still promising to discontinue the loathsome GST, and turn it into a painless hidden tax.

There now, I've vented my anger. It's all out of my system. I'm going outside now to take some very deep breathes of God's rich, spring air. Surely to goodness they can't tax that. Can they?



In honour of Haliburton Extendicare's 20th anniversary on March 20, we'd like to share this photo from the official opening of the "skilled nursing centre" for seniors. Welcoming the guests, on left, was one of the first residents, Jake Gill. Signing the guest book is former secretary Donna Dillon, and on the right is Jane Rosenberg, who started as the director of nursing and is now the administrator. Happy 20th on the 20th to Extendicare.

Pic of the Past

Where's the chicken? Who cares?

DOWN OUR ROAD

Sharon Lynch

THE MOON was bigger than anything as it shone through the window of Sylvia's dining room. It was bigger than the dark tree branches framing it, bigger than the hills behind it and bigger than the weight dragging down Sylvia's heart. Whenever Sylvia was feeling sad or sorry or confused, a full moon always made everything else seem smaller.

Tomorrow she would see her dad at the funeral home and she really needed to look at the moon tonight. It calmed her and reminded her that unlike other things, the moon would always be there for her. She went to bed feeling almost as smooth as moonlight on water.

The next morning began in a rush. Around the interruptions, she was trying to organize the day, make sure nothing was forgotten, make certain the kids were ok and she at least looked ok and not, above all else not, be late arriving at the funeral home.

Her sister was driving them to the funeral home in town and then coming back to the house for supper before they all returned for the evening visitation. That left an hour for supper. With kids, dogs and slippery roads, it would be tight.

So Sylvia decided to try using the timer on her oven and have a nice roast chicken with all the trimmings waiting when they arrived home. She had not yet used the new oven timer and had to hunt for the instruction manual. But had she used the oven timer ten times before, Sylvia would still have to read the instructions. Today her memory was about as reliable as a spoon made of cheese cloth.

She rubbed the chicken with garlic and seasonings, trussed it neatly and placed vegetables all around. For someone with absolutely no appetite, she did a fine job. Then she put it in the fridge until they left because it was, after all, poultry and why take a chance.

The kids were dressed neatly in their Sunday clothes and squirmed through her grasp before she had finished brushing their hair. They were restless already and they hadn't even got to the funeral home. Sylvia felt a wave of panic rise in her stomach and pushed it back down. The oldest dog didn't want to come back in the house and time was passing far too quickly as she sent the middle son to go fetch it and put it in the basement. Again she felt the wave of panic and again she pushed it down where it belonged.

Her sister arrived, they piled into the car and drove to town. People crowded around Sylvia for two hours, shaking and patting her hand, hugging, sighing and gazing into her face with moist eyes. She felt like she was suffocating but she dared not leave. She thought of the full moon. She thought of the chicken supper they would enjoy. She thought of tomorrow's funeral and pushed it aside.

Finally, thankfully, they were back in the car on the way home. Exhaling a deep, shaky breath, Sylvia started to tell her sister about the nice roast chicken supper they would be enjoying shortly, when she stopped. She could not remember putting the bird into the oven. She recalled preparing it and setting the timer on the stove in clear detail. She also saw herself putting the bird in the fridge. But that was all she remembered.

As soon as she opened the front door, Sylvia sniffed the air. Nothing. No roasting chicken wafting down the stairs. Before she could do little more than let out a wail, her sister asked if she had a microwave, which she did.

While her sister looked after the chicken, Sylvia took the kids for a short walk in the moonlight. They needed to run. She needed the moon.

More Letters to the Editor

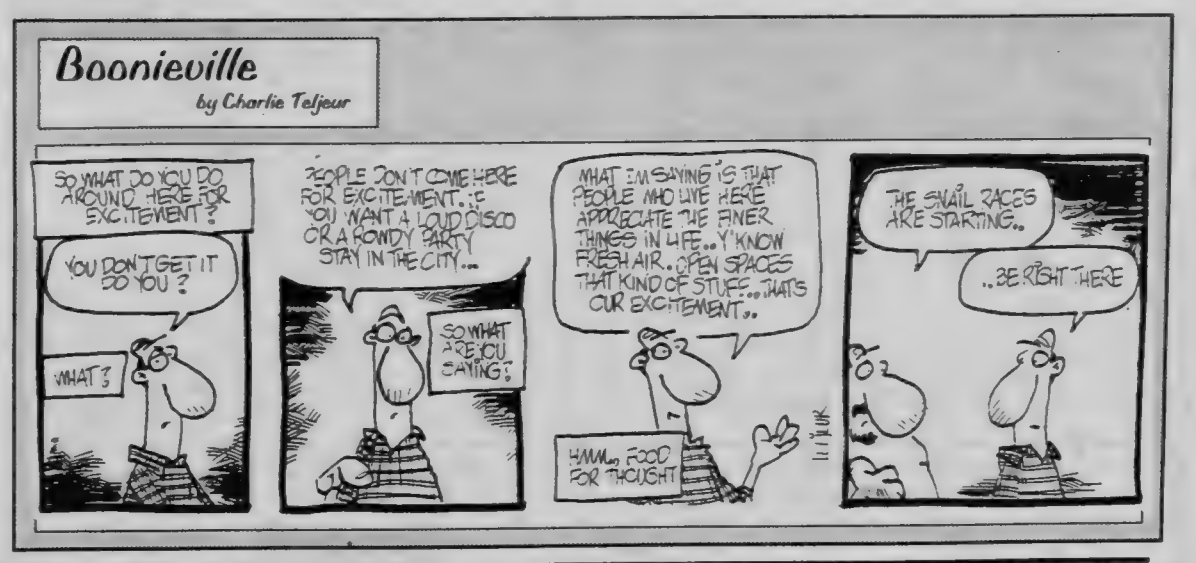
Strike a message to gov't

To the Editor:

Many people have been expressing their opinions about the current civil servants' strike lately and I would like to do the same. To all of you who are against this strike, I would like to ask you a question. If your employer came to you tomorrow and told you that in the next year you had a one in twenty chance of being laid off and that if you were closer to retirement you would lose a portion of your pension and you had the option of speaking out against what they were doing or sitting back and watching it happen, what would you do? Keep in mind also that this same employer is essentially telling your children that they do not have the right to a quality education by cutting funding for public schools causing layoffs of teachers and other essential staff, public schools which their children do not have to attend because they can afford private schooling.

This strike is not only for the public service employees. It will help tell our government that the people of Ontario are not going to sit back and watch as our rights and the services we depend on are slowly taken away by a government who is working in its own best interest, not in yours. Please show your support for a protest that will help all the people of Ontario not just those who are on the picket lines. Remember also that without the services these people provide our province would be in more trouble than it already is.

Ann Smith,
Haliburton



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2nd Entry Atoms narrowly miss All-Ontario finals

by DAVE BROWN

The 2nd Entry Atom Huskies ended their season this Sunday with a fast-paced and exciting series against the St. Clement Stars.

On Friday, they were down in Kitchener for games three and four. The first game was a fast moving, even match. The Cat made some excellent saves, blanking the Stars until the last 19 seconds of the second period when a nine iron shot eluded him. Seconds into the third, Matt Brown evened the score banking in a shot from the corner (assisted by Adam Tomlinson). Shortly after that the Stars pulled ahead again and finished the game winning 2 to 1.

Game four was Saturday. It was do or die for the Huskies, behind now by two games to one. Shawn MacInnes and Ryan Goldenberg set up Joey Sisson for the Huskies first goal early in the first period to set the tone for this game. By the end of the first, Haliburton was ahead by two goals with Joey Sisson scoring his second of the day when he was set up by Adam Tomlinson.

The Stars managed to score near the end of the second but within a couple of minutes Jeremy Miscio scored Haliburton's third goal while the Huskies were shorthanded early in the last period. The Stars came within one goal but the Huskies maintained the pressure and won 3 to 2 forcing a fifth and final game back in Haliburton on Sunday.

The Huskies came out flying for the last game of the series. They put heavy pressure on the Stars but could not score. Great goaltending and a couple posts kept the Huskies scoreless. With 36 seconds left the Stars got a break and slid one past the Cat. The momentum shifted to the Stars in the second and they pulled ahead, scoring two more.

'The 2nd Entry Atoms should be proud of their accomplishments this season. They came a long way, playing a higher level of competition and ending up in the top four.'

Once into the third, the Huskies picked up the pace again and pressured the Stars for most of the period. Matt Brown and Garrett Pockett combined at 11:25 to set up Cory Sisson for Haliburton's first goal. Unfortunately, that was it as the Stars hung on to their lead, winning the game 3 to 1 and the series, 3 games to 2.

Other than the outcome, you could not ask for a more exciting five games.

The 2nd Entry Atoms should be proud of their accomplishments this season. They came a long way, playing a higher level of competition and ending up in the top four. That is good hockey.

A special thanks to Glenn Sharpley, Wade MacInnes, Kevin Sisson and Cathy and Bill Hutson for their commitment and dedication to our team.

ATOMS SEE STARS: St. Clements Stars and Haliburton's 2nd enrty Atom team put on a terffiic semi final series, battling to a fifth and final game in Haliburton on Sunday afternoon. The local boys dug deep, but couldn't come up with enough goals to win. The 3-1 loss ended the season, but the Huskies had every reason ot hold their heads high as they shook hands with the victorious visitors.

Novice C Huskies put on amazing display to win 5-3

by DAN MacMILLAN

On Saturday, March 16, the Novice C Huskies resumed their playoff series with Beaverton. After having made early exits from Bobcaygeon and their own invitational tournaments, you could say that they were a little subdued. Still without a full roster, they did have Clayton Hodgson back for this one. If the Huskies lost this game, it was the end of hockey for them this year. I, for one, was thinking more about where I was going to store my son's hockey rigging for the summer.

To no one's surprise, Beaverton scored first and by the middle of the second period they had run up a 3 to 0 lead. I can't pinpoint an exact turning point in this game, but halfway through the second period Adam Sisson scored from Connor MacMillan and Scott Lewis, to get Haliburton on the scoreboard. Early in the third, Clayton Hodgson took a pass from Ryan Bottum. He worked his way into the corner, turned and fired a perfect pass to Dylan Metcalfe who labelled it into the Blade's net. Seconds later, Connor went down hard and had to be helped off the ice by Dr. Norm.

Team is all smiles after win, proving that hockey is still fun late in the season when you net more goals than the opposition. Josh Mayhew was simply stellar in the Huskies' net.

From ensuing face-off, Jenny Perrott fed a pass up the left wing to Adam, who fired a shot at the Blade's net. Out of nowhere, Connor appeared and when the dust settled, there he was, puck and all in Beaverton's net. The goal was allowed, despite the protests from the Blade's fans. The Huskies had tied it up but it wasn't over yet. About four minutes later, Jeff Burk scored what would be the winning goal from Adam and Connor. With 23 seconds left in the game, Adam scored the insurance goal from Jeff Griffin to make it 5 to 3 for Haliburton.

The Huskies had scored five unanswered goals in this come-from-behind win. Josh Mayhew was simply stellar in the Haliburton net and was mobbed by his teammates when the final buzzer went. It was an amazing display of teamwork on the Huskies' part and judging from the smiles on their faces, I would say that they are definitely still having fun. Sorry Leaf fans, you may have Wendell back, but we'll take Clayton any day.

TAKING IT TO THEM: The 2nd entry Atoms got off to a fast start in the fifth and deciding game of their semi final series on Sunday, pressing the attack against the St. Clements Stars. But strong goaltending by the visitors frustrated the Huskies, who had to settle for a series ending 3-1 loss.

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Atom Rockets flame out in series against a strong Woodville club

by SUE CLARKSON

We held three tournaments this weekend and all will eventually be in this article, but there wasn't enough room this week.

With the Atom Rockets down two in their best three out of five semi-final series against the strong Woodville team, they knew they would have to work much harder as a team to get the job done last Monday night. Paul Wesley opened the scoring late in the first period by pouncing on a loose puck in the crease. There was no scoring in the second period of play though each team had some good chances. At 7:57 of the third, the Rockets took advantage of yet another Woodville penalty, when Ben DeCarlo scored on a pretty passing play from Brandon Logan and Mitchell Clarkson. Now the team were up 2 to 0. It was Brandon Logan again who scored in what proved to be the winner, from Mitchell at 3:02 of the third. Woodville scored two in the last minute of play but the Rockets held on for the win. This was a great team effort! Ben DeCarlo skated miles frustrating the Woodville sharpshooters, and Billy Hunter gave another strong effort. Now the team was within one of tying the series.

The next evening, Woodville travelled to the Rocket Gardens to try and take the series, while the Rockets were working to keep afloat. Woodville opened the scoring in the first, but Ben DeCarlo tied the match up halfway through the second on assists from Matt Manary and Tom Mt. Pleasant. Woodville were able to score one more in the second and third each to win the game. Final score: Woodville 3 - Rockets 1. This was another great team effort, losing a hard fought well refereed game. Another stellar game by goalie Billy Hunter who stopped twenty-two shots. The Atom Rockets will do well in the consolation if they continue this great team play. Congratulations to you all for displaying great sportsmanship despite playing a really rough team. Our hats are off to you all - Matthew Reil, Paul Hutchinson, Tom Bates, Matthew Shaw, Mitchell Clarkson, Paul Wesley, Ben DeCarlo, Tim Covert, Brandon Logan, Tom Mt. Pleasant, Mathew Manary and Billy Hunter.

The Novice Rockets travelled to Oakwood on Saturday evening for game four of the playoffs. The team played well keeping most of the play in the Mariposa end but could not beat the goaltender. Finally with 2:45 left in the second, The Mariposa Lightning scored on a power play as the Rockets pressed harder to gain it back Lightning struck again to clinch the win 2 to 0. The Lightning are now up three games to one. Let's get it together next week Rockets and get back into this series.

Novice Rockets struck by Lightning who now lead series 3 to 1

Novice Tournament

On Tuesday, March 12, the Wilberforce Novice team took part in the Haliburton B tournament. Winning the first game against Bracebridge 3 to 2 with a hard fought comeback from a two-goal deficit, they used that momentum to defeat Bancroft in the second game 4 to 0. This took them to the A final against Ennismore. The boys played well and for two periods were in the game with this stronger team. In the third period, with Wilberforce pressing for a goal to tie the game, Ennismore got the back-breaker goal on a break-away and went on to score two more. The final score was 5 to 1 in favour of Ennismore. Congratulations Rockets on your A finalist position.

During the day, goals were scored by Josh MacKay (three), Aaron Donaldson (two), Kevin Bowman, Gavin Swan and Shawn Crowder netted one each. Assists went to Kevin Bowman (five), Aaron Donaldson (four) and Josh MacKay and Shawn Crowder, one each.

Sunday, March 17 brought two teams from Bancroft and one from Oshawa to compete in the Wilberforce Novice tournament. Six teams had been scheduled but with one backing out at the last minute, Haliburton was gracious enough to drop out to make an even number of teams. Thanks, Huskies.

The first game was excellent with lots of end to end action and ended with Bancroft Knights of Columbus beating Wilberforce 3 to 2. In the second game, Bancroft Window Warehouse lost to Oshawa by a score of 4 to 1. The two Bancroft teams played next with the Knights coming out on top by 6 to 1. Then Wilberforce met Oshawa downing them 6 to 0 and advancing to the A final. The B final pitted Bancroft Windows against Oshawa for a second time. It was an even game ending in a tie with Bancroft winning it in the first overtime. The A final once again saw Bancroft Knights facing the Rockets. This time the Rockets came out flying and never let up beating Bancroft by several goals to claim the A championship trophy. Way to go Rockets. All players who took

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Bombs drop on goalies as Oldtimers let loose for a total of 33 zingers

by KEN RILEY

It must be an election year in the US. First it was Cuba and now China. Nothing like a little commie bashing to stir up the hearts and minds of Americans! This thing with China, over Taiwan, could start World War III. Imagine that - W.W. III, made in Taiwan! The Yanks would be smart not to mess with the Chinese. Afterall, both countries have nuclear arsenals, the Americans are outnumbered 6 million to one, but the Chinese have the greatest weapon of all, toys! The Chinese ship millions of ninga turtles, power rangers, and all sorts of plastic marvels to the US every year. Cutting off this supply of goods to the youth of America could have serious repercussions! In this, the enlightened 90's you would think we could come up with a battle with a certain country. Why not challenge them to a game of hockey, winner take all. Send in Mario, Wayne and the boys and sit back and relax! Of course, China would rather the game of choice be ping pong! The US would probably opt out for a nice game of precision bombing!

Speaking of bombing, last week's games in the WOHL had the bomb doors wide open with a total of 33 goals in the three games!

In game one it was Clarkson Plumbers (bombers) vs. Apsley (bombers). The most amazing aspect of this game was the fact that the Plumbers played the game without a goalie! Stepping in to fill the void was defenceman 'fearless' Tom Ballantine, sans goalie equipment. Tom allowed only two goals in an 8 to 2 romp, proving that he is more than just a pretty face!

Game two was another close one (not!) as Bancroft Canadian Tire met Rainbow Auto Glass. The winless, but happy, Rainbows, didn't change history this night as they went down 9 to 1! Firing ammo for the Tire guys was James Goodwin with the trick, Craig Partridge had two, Ralph Keeler, Lloyd Peters, Allan Coulas and Chip Watson had one each. Bruce Fleck had Rainbows' only goal.

In game three it was the Haliburton Hawks facing the Wilberforce Golden Ponders. The Ponders headed for the shelter early in this one getting shelled by the Hawks 11 to 2. Sharp shooting for the Hawks was Derrell Stamp with five, Dan Ambridge had a pair, solos went to Ted Vasey, Brian Mulholland, Tom Curry and Barry Shaw. Finding net for the Ponders was Boyd Robinson and and Rolland Pelletier.

Coming up this week on the Ponder pond is Apsley and Rainbow at 7:00, the Hawks and Canadian Tire at 8:10 and the Plumbers vs. the Ponders at 9:20. Don't blow one of your last chances to see your old favourites battle it out for WOHL supremacy!

Wilberforce hockey

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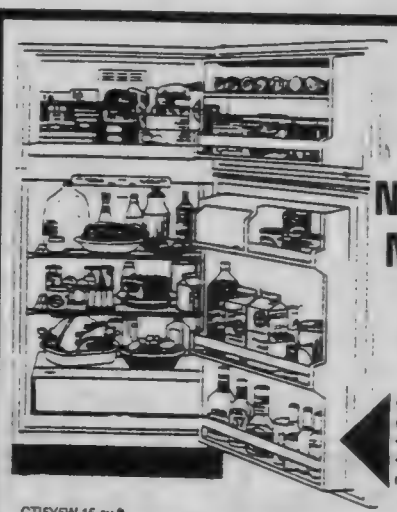
part took home nice trophies and MVPs were awarded after each game. Through the tournament, Wilberforce goals were scored by Gavin Swan, Josh MacKay and Tim Pettit - four each; Shawn Crowder, Andy Sayers, Kanan Quibell, Aaron Donaldson and Matthew Tripp, one each. Assists went to: Kanan Quibell with three; Shawn Crowder, Kevin Bowman, Josh MacKay, Matthew Tripp, Gavin Swan, and Aaron Donaldson with two each and Tim Pettit with one. MVPs were awarded to Chris Johnston, Shawn Crowder and Josh MacKay. Great team effort guys. Keep up the good work.

Draw winners were: Theresa Davidson won the gift basket donated by Joyce's Gift Baskets and Crafts in Wilberforce, Kyle O'Brien from Bancroft - the stick donated by Sharpley Sports, Moo Moo Movies gift certificate went to Kim MacKay, and the one month pool membership at PineStone Inn to Cathy Swan. Once again, many thanks to these businesses for your donations.

Our ice time sponsors today were Northern Mint, Triple Q Construction, Kinmount Forest Products, Linkert Country Bakery, Hilliary's Floor & Trim, Moo Moo Movies and Andy Hillo Signs in Wilberforce, Schwandt Homecare and Elephant Lake Lodge in Harcourt and Village Court Pharmacy, RX Central in Haliburton. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

A number of parents as well as teenagers assisted in various ways to help make this tournament successful. To all those who helped a great big thanks.



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Atom Huskies storm Wasaga

All Ontario final is next

by JIM CHALMERS

The OMHA Atom Huskies hit the Beaches at Wasaga with the impact of a full scale D-Day invasion - taking no prisoners and the All-Ontario semi-final series three straight - with the last two games at home this past weekend.

The dump and chase Beach Boys were no match for coach Paul Wilson's dogs who outscored their opponents 32 to 3 in the series. One exasperated Wasaga Beach observer remarked: "It would have been a close series without number 12 and 27." (Jeff Wilson and Warren Cooper). He was half right. Wilson had 16 goals and Cooper, four. However, the other 10 Huskies still handled them 12 to 3. You lose no matter how you cut it.

Travis Bain had a four-goal series, Alex Ambridge two, matched by Chris Petrow and Darren Kirkpatrick with Joel Cooper adding one.

With an All-Ontario championship series looming on the horizon, the Huskies know it is time to get serious. Goaltenders Andrew Sachs and Ryan Chalmers will be tested along with the defence of Chris Petrow, Alex Judge, Chris Bishop and Joel Cooper. If the second line of Travis Bain, Matt Gerry and Darren Kirkpatrick can play their opponents even up it will be a series to remember. Go for it, boys!

BEACHING IT: While some people spent March break lounging on southern beaches, Haliburton's OMHA Atom Huskies were also beaching it, Georgian Bay style. The local boys outscored the Wasaga Beach boys 32 to 3, and now move on the the All-Ontario final.

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Novice Huskies split games with Frankford

by Walter Tose

The Novice A Huskies played two hard-fought games over the weekend and came away with a split.

On Saturday the Huskies played the Markham Islanders in the semi-final match of their division in the Timmy Tyke tournament in Toronto. The boys played very well and had many good chances to score but just could not put the puck in the net. Credit the Markham goaltender and defencemen with some top notch play. Jeremy Moynes made some outstanding saves for Haliburton as well at his end of the rink. To their credit the Huskies never gave up, and in fact, they carried most of the play in the third period. Jesse Johnson, Matthew Roberts, Adam Hutson, Andy Dawson and Josh Brown all had outstanding games with Josh receiving MVP for the game. In the end the Huskies lost 2-0, only the second time this year they have been shut out, but they had nothing to be ashamed of as they had given it their best effort.

On Sunday the Huskies hosted Frankford in game 3 of their Eastern Zone championship final. The home town crowd quite enjoyed the pre-game show with special guests Alicia Sales on hand to sing the national anthem and long-time minor hockey supporter Stuart Baker present to officially drop the puck at the opening face off. Haliburton dominated the play throughout most of the game, outshooting Frankford 28-6, but the Frankford goalie had an outstanding game and held the Huskies to a 2-1 win with his solid performance. This gives the Huskies a 3-0 lead in this best of 7 series.

Frankford returns next Sunday for game 4 at 3:00 p.m.

The Novice A's put in one of their best games of the season in terms of sheer hustle and determination. Brandon Bowman played perhaps his best game of the season, leading the way in the hustle and checking department. His tenacious checking was instrumental in keeping Frankford from mounting any serious threat. Brandon also scored Haliburton's two goals, the first on a beautiful passing sequence from Andy Dawson and Matthew Roberts, and the second one as a result of some aggressive forechecking by Ross Gerry and Josh Brown. Matthew Roberts, Adam Hutson, Terry Bannon and Daniel Jung all had outstanding games as well and Jeremy Moynes was very steady between the pipes. Congratulations to all members of the team on another superb effort.

Frankford returns next Sunday for game 4 at 3:00 p.m. at the Dysart arena. Good luck Huskies!

Atom C's cap season with four straight wins, number one spot

by JANICE CHAMBERS

On Wednesday, March 13, Haliburton took game three of the playoffs against Cannington with a 2 to 1 victory. Haliburton scored just minutes into the game when Joel Johnson and Kyle Boughner teamed up, Joel sending a nice pass for Kyle to slam into the King's net.

The Kings had the game tied by the middle of the second but the Huskies got one more late in the third period with a nice set-up by Kyle and Joel with Jeff Packard slamming in the winning goal.

Then late Sunday night it was off to Cannington for game four and the Huskies were hungry. They worked very hard to score and the Kings were not going to give in.

The first two periods went scoreless. There were only three minutes left in the last period when Kyle Boughner slipped in the winner for the Huskies. It was a beautiful unassisted goal. Cannington pulled their goalie for the last hope but Jason and Kyle took advantage and sent the puck up for Joel to slap in the clincher.

Alex Frybort played totally awesomely during the playoffs.

Thanks to great coaching and team spirit the Atom C Huskies are #1.

Tournament Action

The Atom Cs travelled to Wilberforce for a B tournament last weekend. Game start was early and the boys faced Wilberforce first which always proves to be exciting. The first goal for the Huskies was a beaut coming from a nice set-up by our captain Adam Frybort to Joel Johnson and a quick pass to Kyle Boughner who buried the puck. Wilberforce didn't stand still though and answered back just minutes later.

The second period was scoreless thanks to our strong defence and excellent goaltending of Alex Frybort, who was hot with the glove and quick with the stick.

In the third the Rockets scored the go-ahead goal making our Huskies more determined. With just two minutes to go the Huskies took control for another set-up, this time Jason Chambers made a pass to Dan Craig, who carried the puck down for Kyle to land the tie, leaving the Huskies up for grabs on an "A" championship.

Game two was against Oshawa. Adam started the Huskies' scoring early with his famous shot from the blue line. The second goal came from Joel with an assist for Kyle. The tying goal was set up by Joel and Dan letting Kyle slap in another ringer.

The game ended in a 3 to 3 tie leaving the Huskies just short a few points to stay on the A side championship.

The last game saw Bowmanville compete for the B championship. Joel Johnson scored Haliburton's only goal in the first period with assist going to Kyle. Bowmanville took three during the game leaving Haliburton with the B side consolation.

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Business bonspiel a test for many first time curlers

Sixteen teams take part in Wilberforce event

Was it business as usual? Not quite for some of the 62 participants who showed up at the Monmouth Curling Club's Wilberforce rink for the second annual Business Bonspiel. For a number of participants it was the first time they had taken broom in hand - at least on an ice surface.

Sixteen teams competed for the 'spiel trophy donated by Don and Ann's Place in Harcourt. First place and the trophy went to a Gooderham entry, Barr's General Store's foursome of Skip Ron Barr, Vice Ed Morais, Second Al Degrave and Lead Ron Mark.

Runners-up were Skip Gary Casey, Vice Tom Baragar, Second Todd Dandy and Lead Laura Casey, entered under the Casey Concrete of Cardiff banner.

In third place was the rink sponsored by the Bostonian Motel in Wilberforce. A foursome representing Wilberforce IGA finished fourth.

Also taking part in the fun were Toronto Dominion Bank, Lighthouse Restaurant, Don and Ann's Place, Cedar Meadows Golf, Dunford Heating, Ridgeview Restaurant, Bank of Nova Scotia, Montage Real Estate, M & S Masonary, Lewis Electric, TopCat Logging and Agnews General Store.

Congratulations to the convenors Max Walsh and Don Meharrie who put together this great spiel.

Special thanks to the Monmouth Fire Department and Jim Deterling, Ted Nottage, Sharron Deterling and Eric Barnes.

Thanks also to the T.D. Bank, Bank of Nova Scotia and C.M.H.A. for their donations of prizes and treats.

OF COURSE THEY'RE HAPPY: And why not; they finished on top at the Monmouth Curling Club's second annual Business Bonspiel held at the Club's Wilberforce rink. They, left to right, are Skip Ron Barr, Vice Ed Morais, Lead Ron Mark and Second Al Degrave, who entered under the banner of Barr's General Store in Gooderham.

WILBERFORCE CURLING: Twelve teams competed in the Wilberforce Curling Club's mixed bonspiel on Feb. 23 and 24. Convened by Ed Morais, the bonspiel attracted teams from as far away as Hillsburgh, the home town of the winning rink. From left are John and Jane Cunningham and Corina and Jim Pollard.

Tips on putting your sled to bed

A spectacular snowmobiling season in Ontario is slowly nearing an end. A combination of heavy, early snowfalls and below average temperatures this winter produced ideal riding conditions throughout most of the province.

Also winding down is the search for the 1996 Labatt Safe Trails Award winner, recognizing enthusiasts who help make snowmobiling safer and more pleasurable for all.

However, just because the snow-packed trails are turning to slush doesn't mean you can park your snowmobile, sit back and dream of next season.

According to the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs' John Blaicher, by following some simple maintenance guidelines this spring, you can help avoid mechanical breakdowns next fall.

So, before putting your sled to bed and breaking-out your fishing gear, here are some tips, many of which were received in this

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Government lies mislead the public

To the Editor:

By now most of the people in Ontario believe that the Conservative government has orchestrated the civil service strike. Sure the government may be saving $10-million a day. But is there more to it?

One suggestion is this strike will be used to further promote the government agenda of privatization. Privatization of government programs will be promoted in a public relations campaign as a way to stop strikes from happening again.

Knowing full well that direction the dedicated and naive civil servants would take, the government negotiated an essential services agreement which included ambulance services, correctional services, snow plowing and many others. The list is long! This agreement would be used against civil servants who trusted their employer.

One of rational mind must ask the question: If we have so many essential services why is the government so eager to privatize them? Personally, I do not want private enterprise to be responsible for "essential services".

The government's skill, or rather the skill of the strategist it hired, is truly amazing. (How much is he being paid?)

The public relations campaign to bring the people of Ontario on board is second to none. That includes the antics of President Bush to gain the support of the American people to go to war in Kuwait. In that campaign a young lady from Kuwait testified that Iraqi soldiers had entered hospital in Kuwait, taken newborn babies from incubators and killed them! The whole story was later proven to be fabricated by a public relations consultant. But it worked!

A lie is successful because those being lied to want to believe it. The people of Ontario desperately want to believe the path we are on will bring jobs and economic prosperity to Ontario. Has the government misled us? Take a look at election promises which stated health care and education in Ontario would not suffer!

With this record, why should civil servants trust the Conservative leadership in negotiating a fair and honest contract?

In London 120,000 people spent their own time and money to stand up and say too much too fast. 50,000 civil servants are now putting themselves under financial, social and personal stress to say no to the Omnibus Bill. Teachers, doctors and judges are standing up and saying no.

Independent economists and business people are now speaking but with warnings of dire consequences. Too much too fast is being repeated by hundreds of thousands of concerned people. It is time for everyone in Ontario to ask questions and demand truthful answers.

Civil servants are being used as a scapegoat for many bungled and expensive government programs. Civil servants in field offices are responsible for program delivery only. Politicians are responsible for creating these programs.

As the saying goes, "Don't Shoot The Messenger."

Jim Ellis, OPSEU,
Minden

Parking meters don't encourage shoppers

To the Editor:

Be warned! Yes, Haliburton does issue tickets during the winter months for expired parking meters.

Like many others, I have always thought that this law was only in effect during the summer months. Not so, as I found out after receiving my $3 ticket.

Fortunately, the ticket itself is not expensive. However, the inconvenience is. Now, instead of strolling casually from store to store, and from one appointment to another, I will have to keep a constant eye on the time to know when to run from one end of town to the other in order to refill the meter. Therefore, I will likely spend less time browsing - resulting in less money spend as well.

Surprisingly, I understand that it is the businesses themselves that are insisting that the meter law be enforced. Unfortunately, that will not encourage shoppers.

As we know from previous editorials, our summer residents are also very inconvenienced by the use of meters. Perhaps council should consider doing away with them altogether in order to keep our visitors shopping in this area.

For a few hundred consumers in the Wilberforce area, the driving distance to Haliburton is the same as it is to Bancroft. And Bancroft was "shopper friendly" enough to remove all of their parking meters a few years ago.

Just something you may want to think about!

Linda Nottage,
Wilberforce

Strike support grows

To the Editor:

On February 28, more than 50,000 members of OPSEU took to the picket lines across Ontario. In Haliburton County, the presence of this strike is especially visible in Minden and at the Frost Centre near Dorset, where Ministry of Natural Resources, Ministry of Transportation Ontario, Correctional Services and OPP staff have set up picket lines.

In a March 5 editorial in the Haliburton Echo, it was stated that OPSEU "may think it's fight is against the Harris government, but the real struggle is for public opinion...The OPSEU strike is a particularly hard sell in Haliburton..."

Results of surveys conducted in Minden suggest otherwise. As the strike has progressed, it is becoming more and more apparent that there is public support for the strike. The reasons could be many: personal opinion of the actions of the Harris government, continuing lack of services, recently announced cutbacks to the education system and legal aid, and the potential effects of layoffs to the local economy, to name a few. Or perhaps it is through the very visible and determined OPSEU position that members of the public can see that indeed there is strength in numbers, and that collectively we can and must play a role in determining the future of our province.

A survey of the public response to the OPSEU picketers in Minden suggests continued and increasing support as the strike continues. of 735 vehicles surveyed over a three-day period, support (as measured by waving or honking) increased from 69% to 79%. Clearly, there is public support in this County towards the civil servants who walk the lines, and it appears to be on in the increase.

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Ontario Hydro a cash cow for taxpayers

To the Editor:

I am an Ontario Hydro employee. I am also a taxpayer. I am looking forward to the 30% decrease in my income taxes that Mike Harris promised. What I don't look forward to are the out of sight, out of mind fees that I will have to pay because of the cuts and changes being instituted.

These cuts and changes will result in payouts by the taxpayer of more than the tax reduction and we will be further behind.

One change that I and all taxpayers in the province should be concerned about is the proposed privatization of Ontario Hydro by the Harris government.

Ontario Hydro has provided reliable and cheap power in this province for 90 years. There have been changes as each government has come into power. The NDP hired Maurice Strong to do a much-needed house cleaning. He did such a good job that Hydro is now making a profit for the Ontario taxpayer, enough profit that the corporation (owned by the people of Ontario) can pay off 25% of the Hydro debt and still have a zero rate increase for the next five years. The profit could also be used to contribute to paying off the provincial debt.

Now that Hydro is making a profit, the Harris government wants to privatize it.

Hydro is a cash cow for Ontario taxpayers.

If privatized, ownership will no longer be with the people of Ontario. It will be the Bay Street interests, whose goal it will be to get as much profit as possible for the shareholders. This profit will come from the users in the province by higher rates, poor reliability (especially in rural areas), a decrease in public safety and an increase in debt.

Where do you think the profit will go (to lower rates or to the shareholders)?

Where will the money come from to pay off the debt (the shareholder or the taxpayer)?

The proposal is under the guise of preparing for competition. As it is now, Hydro can compete in the electricity market. Upper management are saying (without facts) that competition will give better rates, but those better rates will apply primarily to large corporations, giving them more profit.

I would urge the readership and the owners of Ontario Hydro to write to their elected representatives and voice their opinion on giving the public cash cow to big business.

Paul L. Sisson,
Minden

Think twice about taking the cat to the cottage

To the Editor:

With all the crime and chaos in the world, the plight of one small cat may seem unimportant but a crime of neglect is played out many times here in cottage country.

"Bear" (our name for him) was seen around our home many times during the late summer and early fall. We assumed he belonged to a neighbour and ignored his presence. The snows came early and on one particularly cold day we were astounded to see Bear jump for our swinging suet feeder and attempt to chew through the wire mesh to get to the bird fat. This animal was starving and was willing to go to unbelievable lengths in order to eat.

He has undoubtedly survived on chipmunks, mice and voles until the snows made it impossible for him to hunt. My husband and I have been feeding him since mid-December but he has become quite wild and we have not been able to coax him indoors. It appears that he has found a protected corner under our 'bunkie' but surviving temperatures of -35 can't be easy.

Last week, after a 10-day absence when we thought he had finally succumbed to the elements, he limped onto our deck. Whether he tangled with a fox or suffered frostbite is unknown. He still won't let us closer to him than 15 feet or so.

What happened to Bear's owners? Did he go missing just about the time they were ready to return home after a vacation at the cottage? Surely, no one would willingly abandon a family pet to the elements. We like to think that their need to return to their jobs in the city had delayed a search for him for, perhaps, several weeks. By then, he had wandered so far from home that they were unable to find him. Could Bear belong to you? He has green eyes and is black with a white spot on his stomach and a few white hairs on his chest.

He has lived through numbing cold and, until now, survived with reasonable health. Now he needs medical attention but with no Humane Society to call or a means of trapping him we are helpless to alleviate his suffering.

The next time you take your cat to the cottage remember "Bear".

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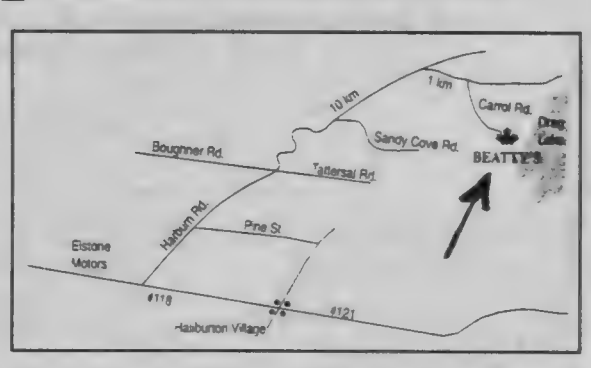

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ON THE LINE

Determination of workers on the picket line is strengthened by government's actions, Minden picket captain says

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

THE GOVERNMENT'S tactics in dealing with the OPSEU strike have only strengthened the resolve of the pickets at the Minden MNR site, says one of the picket captains.

"The present government is demonstrating how the abuse of power originally created the union movement and reinforces the need of a strong union," says Dave Brown, a senior fire officer at the Haliburton Ministry of Natural Resources fire station. "Instead of breaking the union, (Premier Mike Harris) has strengthened it."

Picketing is new to the vast majority of people walking the line in front of the Minden MNR, the Registry Office and the Frost Centre. At first, being on strike "went against the grain" of the workers, who believe in the value of their work, Brown said. But after watching the government in the first two weeks of the strike, many are now firmly committed to the strike.

Brown uses the example of the government trying to by-pass the union's negotiating team by discussing its offer to workers through the press. It's believed the union is having trouble convincing workers to stay on strike, and the move – which goes against traditional negotiation protocol – was seen as an attempt to undermine support for the union's top officials.

Workers on the line, however, did not like the government trying to use them as "tiny little pawns", says Brown, who doesn't like that the government tried to legislate an end to the strike instead of negotiating one.

"They're trying to divide union members from the leadership. A lot of this has made people on the line stronger and a number are committed till it's done."

However, Brown hopes the strike will be over by this week – at least before this weekend when the Minden MNR hosts a 24-team hockey tournament that will feature MNR Minister Chris Hodgson on one of the two local teams. (Hodgson knows he won't be able to make it for the tournament opener but hopes to play some time over the weekend.)

The tournament may help break the ice between those who are picketing and those who are crossing the line or staying at home, but Brown acknowledges it will take some time before the community gets back to normal after the strike. "Definitely it will be strained for a while," he says. "There will be hard feelings and that's the hard part. It's an emotional issue. (The people not joining the strike) will get the same benefits as the people who have been out in the cold."

Brown wanted to talk to *The Echo* to clear up what he sees as misconceptions in the public.

The first is the local workers' reaction to the incident which took place at the MNR office just a few days after the strike began. The jail guards from Lindsay, whom the union sent up as "intimidators", grabbed a worker who was crossing the line, causing him to fall.

One of the other MNR workers who was also crossing the line was disgusted that none of the pickets made an offer to help their fallen co-worker, but Brown says that's wrong, people were starting towards him to help.

As strike captain, Brown made it very clear with the union that he did not want the guards back, partly because he believes the guards deliberately intended to cause trouble. "We got rid of them because we didn't support their tactics – it's not the way we do business. We don't agree with that kind of intimidation."

He believes the negative elements of the strike are primarily what's being reported. At Minden, there have been few confrontations since then, he says, and finds the stories and letters to be inciteful. "There's a certain amount of diviseness but not as much as is implied."

Shown a copy of a letter one local worker received in the mail after crossing the line in Victoria County, Brown could not finish reading it because the message was so disgusting. The letter apparently quotes "The Iron Heel" by Jack London and says, in part:

"No man has a right to scab so long as there is a pool of water to drown his carcass in, or a rope long enough to hang his body with. Judas Iscariot was a gentleman compared with a scab. For betraying his master, he had character enough to hang himself. A scab has not."

"As a picket captain I've been receiving all the faxes from OPSEU and we haven't seen anything like this," Brown says. "Unfortunately, this is the stuff that's getting into the paper."

He believes there are also misconceptions about why the workers are on strike. Many don't agree with all of their union's positions, but feel compelled to speak out against the government. Here are his reasons why.

Brown has been with the MNR for 19 years, eight of them in Haliburton. Until last year, he was management but the NDP government changed his job title and made him join OPSEU. Sometimes his job fighting fires can be dangerous, and as management, he wasn't allowed to be paid for overtime, which didn't bother him. Through his work, he knows he is saving valuable natural resources and people's lives and he's dedicated to his job. Likewise, he sees the positive benefits of the work of other MNR workers who are committed to protecting Ontario's natural environment – land, water and air.

Whether he agreed with all the things OPSEU has bargained for or not, Brown didn't agree with the government using its powers to "trash" collective agreements.

For instance, there used to be a law preventing employers from firing employees two years before they were due to retire as a way of avoiding some of the pension pay-outs. Brown says the omnibus bill got rid of it.

The government has also said workers cannot start collecting pensions until they are 65. Workers have paid several thousands of dollars a year into those plans (which the province matched) and do not like the government prohibiting access to their own money. "If I contributed on my own to an RRSP, that money would be available to me at any time," says Brown, adding that many people planned their savings around the expectations for early retirement as provided by their contracts.

As to the government saying it needs such powers to carry through with its job cuts, Brown notes that his department has already had staff cut by 50%. With the social contract, workers also had wage reductions.

"I agree there is room for cuts and that hasn't been an issue," he says. "It's how the cuts are done."

Will staffing cuts also mean environmental safeguards will be cut, he asks.

With all of these concerns, Brown felt compelled to join the strike and says most are motivated out of similar beliefs. By last week, "everyone is really quite upbeat. It's rewarding and appreciated on the line by the number of people honking and waving. The number of people bringing us food and coffee has been incredible, too."

Brown likes to forget about the man who told them that the next time he drove by, he hopes he loses control of the steering (and by implication, drives into the strikers.) Just as Brown thinks the people sending nasty letters to people crossing the line represent a tiny segment of the people on strike, he believes this angry man does not represent the feelings of many people in the public.

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Molly Maple will welcome spring visitors

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Haliburton County, meet Molly Maple.

She's red, she's pert and she wears the Highlands tartan.

She'll also be one of the most visible signs of spring in the coming weeks.

Molly has been designed as the mascot for MapleFest, a county-wide celebration of the sweet taste of spring. From March 30 to April 7, local maple syrup producers, restaurants and resorts, artisans, craftspeople, art galleries and businesses will join forces to let people discover the Highlands' charms in spring.

Her visage, which was designed by Bill Dewey, will be prominent on signs which designate participants, as well as all the promotional materials, which are being distributed throughout the province.

"There's more here than anyone can see over two days," says Tom Dawson of Wintergreen Maple Products and Pancake Barn in Gelert, one of the principal organizers of the first-time event.

Participants will be given passports, which they get stamped at any of the 35 focal points they visit. This encourages them to travel across the county, and when they return the passport for a chance to win prizes, organizers will have their names and addresses as part of a burgeoning data base.

SPRING'S UNOFFICIAL ARRIVAL: Heralding the most anticipated season of the year, Laura Cooper helps Tom Dawson drill a hole in a maple tree at Wintergreen Maple Products and Pancake Barn in Gelert during a recent visit by the Kinmount Play Group. Many maple producers took advantage of last week's sunny weather to begin their sap collecting and smoke should be rising from the chimneys at sugar shacks all across the county fairly soon.

INTRODUCING MOLLY MAPLE: This sign of spring will be a familiar one across the county as Molly Maple becomes the mascot of MapleFest. Diane and Tom Dawson of Wintergreen Maple Products and Pancake Barn have helped organize the celebration of spring.

MapleFest is being promoted with the help of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce at the Toronto Fishing Show, the Sportsman Show, the Cottage Life show and the Ottawa boat show.

There are 5,000 small brochures and 5,000 larger brochures being distributed. It's also being advertised on Rock 95 and in the Destinations Guide. Brochures, which include maps, are at the Chamber office and various other locations. Another sponsor is the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Some of the planned events are:

- Hobby Maple Syrup Workshop at the Frost Centre on March 30, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (OPSEU strike permitting.) Earl Dertinger will cover everything you need to know to take maple sap from the tree to your table. $12 fee covers lunch and materials. Register before March 25
- Albert Coughlin relates railroad history through song and narration, March 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wintergreen, County Road 1
- Easter egg and treasure hunts at selected producers, weekends only
- sugar on snow parties, at selected producers, weekends only
- euchre party, April 4, 7:30 p.m. Minden Legion
- Kids on the Block puppet theatre, weekends at 2 p.m. at PineStone
- display of artifacts and video related to maple syrup at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, Haliburton, daily except Mondays
- Sugar Moon Dance, April 6, 9 p.m., featuring Summer Wind at the Haliburton Legion

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Greta Curry and Jane Rosenberg share a little laughter

TWENTY YEARS OF CARING:

A home away from home... Haliburton's Extendicare marks two decades of putting patients first

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

ON MARCH 20, 1976, a handful of people, grey-haired but still spry, walked into their new home at Haliburton Extendicare. In the years to come, many would go on overnight camping trips, drop down on their knees to plant seeds in the garden in spring and dance in the front lobby.

Twenty years later, most new residents arrive in a wheelchair. Thanks to many new services which have been introduced over the past two decades, they've been able to stay in their own homes much longer and the average age of residents is now 86. There hasn't been an overnight trip or communal garden in years, and most of them just tap their toes when musicians entertain them.

But one thing has remained constant over the years: all residents can be guaranteed the same high level of care and compassion.

"Extendicare puts the resident first. We've always functioned that way," says administrator Jane Rosenberg who started as the head nurse the day Extendicare opened its doors in 1976. "You have to think of how you'd like to be treated or handled."

Just as she's not the only staff member to be with the home since its first year, Extendicare boasts two of its original residents: Ray Smith and Lila Simons.

"One of our goals is to be part of the community," she adds. "We want this to be an extension of their home – a home away from home."

Barb Fryer, the activities supervisor who started working for the privately-owned organization shortly after the Haliburton residence opened, says that many residents get depressed because they think they're coming to Extendicare to die. "We tell them that they come here to live. It really does help" and they better understand what life should be like at Extendicare.

"We let the residents do as much as they can and not making them fit a mold," Rosenberg says. "Barb spends a lot of time explaining that to them."

Bonds quickly form between staff and residents, and Fryer says you have to be a family oriented person to work there.

Team work is another important factor, and the staff learn to rely on each other as well. No one does just one job. If someone from housekeeping sees that a resident needs help, that person will provide it and not just wait for someone else to do it. If someone's sick or absent, they all try to help fill the void.

And while there is much laughter and love and Extendicare, it doesn't mean the home is immune from the stresses and strains of aging. Age is often difficult as physical and mental health diminishes or you watch people you might have gone to public school with wander about because of Alzheimer's.

Those difficulties, however, are an accepted facet of life at a nursing home,

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VOLUNTEERS PLAY A KEY ROLE

Extendicare staff work around patients needs, not vice versa

"We couldn't function without them," Barb Fryer says of the more than 100 people who regularly visit the home to share their time and talents.

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and staff must work around the residents' needs and not vice versa.

"If you come into a situation you can't handle, you back off," Rosenberg tells staff. "One thing we stress is to be up front. The worst thing you can do is hide things."

If the job becomes too much of a strain, staff are encouraged to take time out to restore their emotional equilibrium because "I don't want to lose them as a staff member," she says. This also means the frustrations of the job aren't taken out on the residents.

Residents can also become aggressive as they cope with the loss of skills and mental disorders such as dementia and Alzheimer's. During this visit, one man – who used to hold a prominent position in the city – is down on his hands and knees, spitting on the floor and trying to wipe it clean with his hand. Fryer deals with this by diverting his attention. She asks him to sing Danny Boy and a mellifluous voice soon fills the lobby. Instead of concentrating on his weaknesses, she concentrates on his remaining strengths.

"We never intercede unless the resident's actions are dangerous to another resident," says Rosenberg. People who were short-tempered when they were young, will likely continue to be short-tempered when they are old, and you could use any number of adjectives to replace "short-tempered."

As with any family, "you have people living together and they argue and disagree."

One of the home's greatest challenge is meeting the increasing needs of the residents. For instance, Fryer used to help them pass the time by doing crafts or taking them on overnight bus trips. Such things are almost impossible today. Residents still take trips, but only short ones on the Dymo bus, for which residents helped raise money, and many do not have the manual dexterity to do crafts. Today, she tries to reach most of the people through music and one-on-one visiting. That's where volunteers play such a large and vital role.

"We couldn't function without them," Fryer says of the more than 100 people who regularly visit the home to share their time and talents. "Especially now with one-to-one visiting, they become family. There isn't a day there aren't volunteers here."

Fryer and Rosenberg are each asked two questions. To the first – why she's enjoyed working at Extendicare the past 20 years – Rosenberg says "I like the staff and the challenge, and in this economic climate, it is a real challenge."

Fryer says "I like the uniqueness and the challenge and the residents and the staff. Every day I'm here I get some personal satisfaction seeing the residents happy. The more I put into this job, the more I get out of it."

Then they're asked what they'd do if Extendicare won that mythical lottery. They both laugh. Fryer says she'd buy a bus that would accommodate al the residents. Rosenberg says she'd donate a new lounge and dining room.

This Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m., they both invite the community to help them celebrate Extendicare's 20th anniversary in the community and to share their goals and aspirations for the next 20.

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Fire department data base will cut response times, Glamorgan Ratepayers learn at public meeting

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at a ratepayers' meeting held March 9 by Glamorgan council.

Glamorgan's fire department has begun the painstaking process of putting together a computer data base of all the homes, cottages, businesses and other buildings within the municipality's borders.

The data base will give the department the ability to call up a property's location, along with directions, using any piece of relevant information, including a phone number, name, address — even the colour of the property.

"I think it will work well for us in speeding up responses (to emergency situations), also in following up afterwards," Fire Chief Doug Bates told an audience of about 20 permanent and seasonal residents.

Currently, fire department volunteers are feeding all the existing information they can find about properties within the municipality into the data base.

Using a computer CD from the assessment office, the department is able to get basic information, he said.

However, it needs all the help it can get from property owners' associations and individual residents to get more detailed information.

Compiling the database, which will include at least 4,250 entries, will be a slow process, considering the sheer volume of work and the fact that it will all be done on volunteer time, said Bates.

But once it is completed, the system will be a tremendous help to the fire department. Using any piece of information, such as the caller's name or telephone number, the fire department will be able to enter that into its data base and come up with complete details of where the caller lives and how best to get to their property.

"You can even search by colour," he noted. "If you say yellow brick house, it will bring up all the houses that match that description in the municipality."

Bates said the data base should help the fire department save lives and property.

On a related topic, councillor Tom Vos said the county has been exploring the possibility of putting together a county-wide civic addressing system, but hasn't yet "made a decision on spending any money it."

The county is no longer considering implementing 9-1-1 in the near future because of the expense involved, he said.

Restructuring update

Reeve Elva Bates told ratepayers the county intends to select a proposed restructuring model in time for public input at a meeting this summer.

Currently, the county's restructuring committee, comprising the reeves of the county's 10 municipalities, is looking at a number of variations of redrawing the county's borders, but has settled on no preferred realignment, she said.

The county has set the next municipal election — the fall of 1997 — as the deadline by which it hopes to put in place whichever model it eventually selects.

HAVING A SAY: About 20 people turned out to a ratepayers meeting held by Glamorgan council last Saturday. Among those attending were, back from left: Koshlong Assoc. president Bob MacCaulay, Fire chief Doug Bates, Trish Wilson Jones. Front from left: Councillor Tom Vos, Reeve Elva Bates, and Councillor Bill Challis.

Coping with cuts

Provincial transfer payment cuts have forced council to reduce the hours of one municipal employee and chop its budgets for roads and recreation, said Bates.

In addition, the municipality is looking for ways to cut costs at the landfill site.

The municipality has found some savings by reducing the hours of one employee who formerly worked full-time, is now putting in part-time hours, said Bates.

In another cost-cutting measure, the municipality won't undertake any new road construction in the coming year.

Bumpy Buckhorn

Bates said the county's engineer gave her "three-to-one odds" the roads department will begin construction this year to upgrade the Old Buckhorn Rd. which is in bad need of repair.

She said she was told the county will start the project at the south end and it will take five to six years to complete.

Access points

The municipality still has some infrastructure money left over to be used on the lake access points it took over from the Ministry of Natural Resources, said Bates.

She asked cottage association members present if they had any suggestions on how the money could be used.

However, they said they would have a better idea in the spring once the snow covering the access points melts.

$50 deposit "rumour"

Bates was asked whether the municipality plans to begin asking groups using the community centre to leave a $50 key deposit.

She said the story is "a rumour" and that council has made no such decision.

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West Guilford Notes

by Eleanor Cooper

The local World Day of Prayer, an annual event worldwide as the name implies, was held at the Eagle Lake community church with 37 present. Begun in 1918 by Women's Missionary Boards of Anglican, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian churches as a focus to bring together denominations worldwide, it became known as the Women's Day of Prayer for Missions. As of 1927 it became known simply as World Day of Prayer, so that now it is no longer unheard of for men to join in this event.

The Rev. Paul Benson welcomed us to his church and the Rev. Christopher Greaves was also present. Allan Bagg and John Payne also joined us. Thanks to all who helped make the service go well, especially Maggie Milne, speaker and Kathleen Owens, pianist.

Perry and Kay Morrison were guests at Dennis and Sharon McPhaddens at Newmarket on the weekend of February 24. Kay went on with their son Gerald and his fiancée, Barbara Smith and her parents, Don and Anne Smith, to Gerald's graduation at Weston Harbour Castle conference centre. In the grand ballroom, 600 young men and women participated in the annual convocation ceremony for the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario.

Best wishes to Orval Morrison for recovery from surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital, Peterborough.

Our local residents will recall Bud Hunt and know that his later years were spent at Extendicare in Haliburton. Bud died on March 2, 1996 and his funeral was as stipulated and prearranged by his half sister, the late Blanche Linton. It was held at Monk's Funeral chapel at 2 p.m. on March 4 in the presence of the few who had kept in touch with him since he moved from his home in West Guilford to Extendicare. The Rev. Peter Walford-Davis conducted the service.

The committee who arranged and continues to arrange a concert series every year welcomes anyone who has an interest in this field. The concerts, not always classical but always entertaining, are part of the fabric of our communities now, and it's interesting to be part of the network that provides this excellence. If you would like to join us, please call the number above or leave a message at the Rails' End Gallery, where we meet monthly.

Richard Fielding reports on the men's breakfast at the Baptist Church on here on March 2. Twenty were present to hear Sam Rivers and Roger Hutchinson speak on The Gideons' work. The secular feature involved a demonstration by Kirby Bagg on meat cutting and handling, using a side of pork as illustration. From month to month some aspect of general interest will be included as well as something for spiritual benefit.

Eagle Lake Festival plans begin

by RUTH STILL

Water gurgles through the down spouts. For the unwary, oozy mud sucks just beyond the pavement. Where the 'snow has retreated like an army defeated,' dormant grass appears, just waiting for spring rains to burgeon forth and need mowing.

Round the edge of the snow bank on the garden appear dead flower heads. I should have pruned them last fall - less work for the spring rush.

The bright sunlight struggling through dirt-streaked windows triggers the first stirrings of the spring cleaning urge, about all that is left (for my generation) of the spring biological urge. At the time though, I'm sleepy and want just to curl up in the sunlight like a cat and postpone the coming days of tired muscles, aching bones and sweaty brow.

Perhaps the pioneers did have something in the trusty spring tonic of sulfur and molasses. I'm sure it would kick-start me into more activity than I feel at the moment.

All of which means that I'm feeling a certain nostalgic for the passing winter and its leisure: time to read, to visit with friends, to watch TV to ski. Summer may be great but the press of work is such that even a moment's rest is fraught with guilt over undone weeding.

But let us prepare for the inevitable. The Eagle Lake Women at Thursday's meeting made summer campaign plans to raise money for local children to spend a free week at Camp Medeba.

I can't yet see the rhubarb but know that it is flexing its muscles preparing for the big push. The Rhubarb Committee is fast off the mark. Notices as to coming events for the season will appear just inside the door, at the store, now.

At a meeting on Tuesday held at president Caryl Moulton's home, plans were laid for Festival '96 on July 13. The location will be new, beside the beach. Here too will be erected the children's playground equipment for which we have been saving. Plans and measurements are on paper. When the snow goes these will be translated into a prepared and levelled site.Offers of help and material have been given, but for this and for help running the events we need participation from the whole village.

To this end a meeting will be held in the Eagle Lake Church at 7:30 on Monday, March 25.Come! This is a make or break festival and it depends on you!

NOTICES

REDUCED LOAD REGULATIONS (1996)

As outlined in the Highway Traffic Act, Reduced Loading will be in effect in Huntsville District at 12:01 am , Wednesday March 15, 1996.

The highways effected are:
Hwy. 518 from the West limits of Sprucedale to the Jct. of Hwy. 69; from the East limits of Kearney to the easterly limit of Hwy. 518; Hwy. 510 from Hwy. 520 northerly to Hwy. 124; Hwy. 520 from Hwy. 124 northwesterly to the Hamlet of Ardbeg; Hwy. 559 the entire length; Hwy. 592 the entire length; Hwy. 612 from the Muskoka/Parry Sound District boundary northerly to Hwy. 69; Hwy. 632 from the Muskoka/Parry Sound District Boundary northerly to Hwy. 141 at Rosseau; Hwy. 7160 from the South Jct. of Hwy. 11 to the North Jct. of Hwy. 11 in the Hamlet of Novar; Hwy. 7182 from Hwy. 559 northerly to Hwy. 69.

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The preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Township of Glamorgan offices, Gooderham, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Township of Glamorgan shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at GOODERHAM, Ontario this 27th day of February, 1996.

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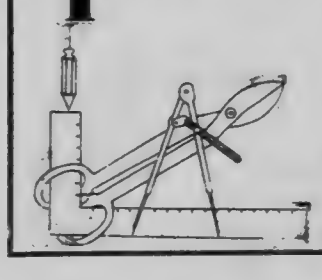
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Guild members show highlights local talents

by AMANDA STEPHENSON
HHSS Student

I spent an enjoyable afternoon at the Rails' End Gallery last weekend, where various members of the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts entered their work in the Celebration '96 Members Show. This show is beautiful and I would recommend it to anyone who appreciates the creative art form. The assortment of works is fabulous: a diversity of several different media, watercolours, sculptors, weaving and even some computer generated drawings. Not only was there an assortment in the media but also in the shapes, sizes, colour and textures.

Award winning piece by James Stewart

The variety of subjects are very enjoyable: landscapes, wildlife, bird houses - fit for royalty, rugs, blankets, flowers and floor mats. All were beautifully done and drew my attention for a closer look.

With such a variety of work to view, I moved from piece to piece in awe of the creative process in evidence. I even noticed how one artist had used recycled materials to be a useful accent in the household decor.

Stanley Farrel's lady bug on his "Floor Mat" brought to mind the extraordinary number of those welcome critters we have creeping about our house lately. This interesting colourful addition draws your attention to his faux art.

The Guild presented several Awards for Excellence. James Stewart's "Migrant" really caught my eye. His use of authentic specimens combined with acrylic rendering adds just the right finishing touch in my estimation. He received the award for Overall Excellence for his "Good Morning Kashagawigamog". A sunrise of such vibrant colours would be truly something to see.

Mary Wallace, well-known to our community, was another award winner. Mary's work has progressed from her media of silk and batiks to an updated computer generated drawing of graphic colours. She received The Ethel Curry Award in memory of Pat Irwin for her work entitled "Landscape".

The Pat Irwin Memorial Award for Best in Class was received by Graham and Debbie Wales for their work entitled "Bird Bath".

The Award for New Artist went to Bradley Emmerson for "Cherry Bird".

Award for Excellence in Textiles was received by Heraldine Seli for "Summer Garden".

The Award for Excellence in 3 Dimensional Work was accepted by Donna Graham for "Jazz".

The Award for Excellence for Framed Work was given to Dick Griffin's "Artist at Work".

The following recipients were granted Awards of Merit by the Jurors in recognition of their efforts: Archie Briggs - "Hangin Out"; Primrose Birrell - "Reid House"; John Middleton - "Autumn Lite 2"; Walter Vanhoeven - "Pinwheel Tablecloth"; Ed Araquel - "Elmira Sugar Bush".

Landscape, and award winning work by Mary Wallace

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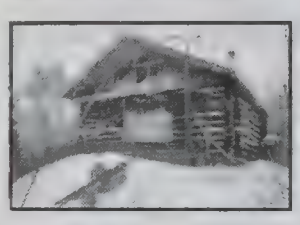

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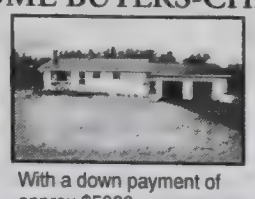

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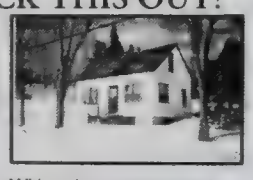

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Legion Branch 129 hopes to involve younger members

by DAVID STIRRETT

Because our branch bulletin has been delayed, it is necessary to inform people of some important events and dates that are in the immediate future.

Branch 129 nomination and election meetings are: Nomination Meeting - Tuesday, April 4, 1996, 8:00 p.m.; Election Meeting - Thursday, May 2, 1996, 8:00 p.m.

This year, in the hopes of attracting some of our younger members, the branch has formed a confidential nominating committee composed of three past presidents: Cde. Mabel Brannigan, 286-6462 (chairman); Cde. Fred Knight, 286-4777; Cde. Bruce McKay, 457-2727.

Their job is to present, to the general membership, if possible, a slate of officers for the upcoming election. Note: This information was to be out earlier and explained in detail in our bulletin, however, because of delay and to give people time to consider, take this information as a short concise explanation. Hopefully the bulletin will still be out with full explanation this month. Please ignore deadline date in bulletin.

As the associate members now outnumber the ordinary members by two to one, it is important that younger members get involved. In a few short years the associate members will inherit the Legion, and will need to be prepared in order to carry on the aims and objectives of The Royal Canadian Legion. Think about this seriously and if interested in Legion office or a chairmanship, please contact any member of the nominating committee who will be prepared to assist you or answer any of your questions.

On April 13 the L.A. will resume their flea market presentations.

April 16 the Legion seniors will be presenting the show "Breath of Scotland"; looks like they have an excellent program. For more information contact the Legion.

Remember April 26 to 28 District Convention will be held at Port Hope, in the meantime Zone F4 Convention will be held at the Kinmount Branch on March 24.

The next seniors dinner is on March 21. They have a great group and enjoy the dinner and fraternity. Plan on attending.

Summer hours at the branch will start on May 13 until October 12, 1996.

Animal races take place on March 16, April 13 and 27 at 3:00 p.m.

Turkey and ham meat roll is on March 30, 2:30 p.m. Every Friday at 4:30, our regular meat roll.

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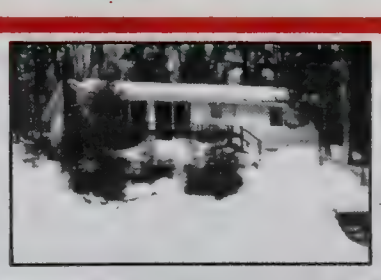

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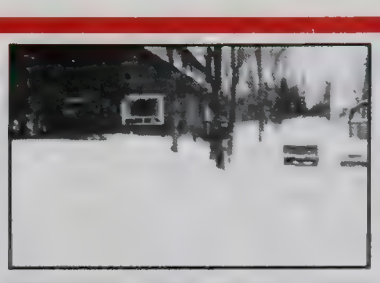

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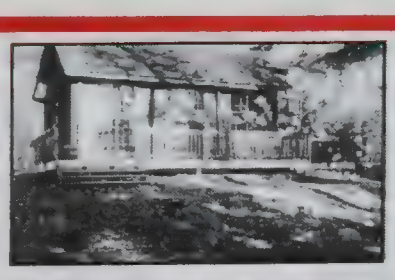

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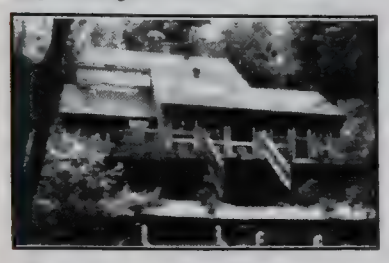

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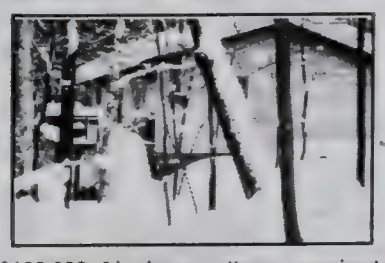

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GOOD WRITING: Artist Ed Araquel shows Eleanor Bathe the art of calligraphy at a workshop last week at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton.

Bark Lake prospects bright

GOODERHAM News

Anne Costeloe
447-2400

It looks like Bark Lake will be reopening in the near future. The centre plans to run both outdoor courses and teach English to foreign students. The plan sounds exciting and ambitious.

There was a Bark Lake job fair at the community centre over the weekend. It attracted a huge crowd of potential employees. The proposed plans for Bark Lake could have a major impact on the population of Gooderham, bringing both new jobs and new residents to our community.

The Glamorgan Volunteer Firefighters First Response team responded to a medical call on Friday night. It is reassuring to know that there is help available at a moment's notice. The volunteer firefighters, although always ready to respond, are grateful to the citizens of Glamorgan for being so careful over the winter. This was their first call of the winter.

The Glamorgan Police Support Association has quietly and unobtrusively been keeping busy over the winter. They tagged over 150 cottages in the township, and kept them under surveillance with random checks.

The Glamorgan Council has recently changed its meeting schedule. The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, the 27th, in the council chamber beginning at 7 p.m. These meetings are open to the public. If you are interested in seeing how council conducts business, feel free to come and observe.

The Seniors are sponsoring a pot luck and BYOG dinner at the Community Centre on Thursday, March 28. Dinner will be followed by games (bring your own) or euchre. I can guarantee the meal will be excellent - as usual. It is a great family night out - bring the family and enjoy an evening of old-fashioned fun.

Gooderham Pentecostal Church will have musical excitement on Sunday, March 24. The musical group Lighthouse will be putting on a puppet show during the Sunday morning Sunday school program (10 a.m.) and performing during the morning service (11 a.m.) and the evening service (7 p.m.).

The Pentecostal Church will also be holding its pot luck Fellowship Meal immediately following the morning service. Everyone is welcome to come and share.

The CHACE mobile preschool program will be meeting at the Pentecostal Church on Monday, March 25, at 10 a.m. The program runs until 1 p.m.

The Reformed Church has resumed its regular Sunday meetings at the Community Centre. Service time is 9:45 a.m.

The Saturday Night Youth Sports is back in action, at 7:30 p.m. They are planning to hold a youth dance some time in April. The date has yet to be confirmed. The members are looking for ways to raise enough funds to buy a suitable sound system to avoid borrowing or renting equipment for these events. Any suggestions or donations will be gladly accepted. Contact Bill Shaw at 447-3281.

Friday night bingo is back, as is Thursday night euchre. Last week's euchre scores were: men's high - Bill Peacock; lone hand - Jim Routcliffe; ladies' high - Mabel Winder; lone hand - Dorothy Graham; and low score - Madeline Peacock.

Carnarvon News

by Ann McKay

Happy birthday to Sinclair Russell who celebrated 87 years on March 11. A quiet family dinner with sons Ron of Baltimore, USA, and Neil and his wife of Ottawa and sister-in-law Muriel Harrison, was held on Saturday, March 9.

Garth and Helen Windsor spent the weekend of March 9 in Sudbury with family and the past weekend with family in the Belleville and Trenton area.

Quite a few people had grandkids for the school break including Jack and Roene Barnhart who had two of them celebrating birthdays; Al and Josie Cheeseman, Cecil and Yvonne Harrison. Sorry if I missed anyone.

Tom Harrison of Newmarket visited with his mother, Muriel Harrison, over the weekend.

Our sympathies to the family of Earl Crawford who passed away last week.

On Friday, a Family Fun Night will be held in the C. E. Building. It's a pot luck supper, bring your own plates, mugs, utensils and food. Coffee will be supplied, come and have fun at Zion Community Church, 6:30 p.m. sharp. Fun and fellowship. If your phone number is 489 consider yourself invited.

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WANTED: Will your cottage be vacant this summer? Why not let us rent it out! Make your investment earn dividends. Call Cottage Getaways today - 457–3684. Fax: 457–4052, Messages - 457–3166. CA

120 PETS

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130 FOR RENT

APARTMENTS - 1, 2 and 3 bedroom in Carnarvon, starting at $395 per month, now available. Call 489-3043. CA

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MINDEN RIVERFRONT (no road between) 5 bedroom home, 3 bathrooms, two full basements, two storey, oil and baseboard electric heating, maintenance-free siding. Two car carport, on a private lot on a quiet street. All of this plus a fully furnished 2 bedroom cottage on the same lot. Rent is $925 per month plus utilities. I pay taxes and water and sewer bills. Call Ted at home at 286–4760.

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150 WANTED TO RENT

WANTED TO RENT: 3 bedroom plus home, April occupancy. Must show well! Phone 457–2414. CA

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180 REAL ESTATE

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180 REAL ESTATE

2 LEVEL BUILDING LOTS: 4 1/2 acres each, well treed, driveway in. On good year round road, 10 minutes from Haliburton. 457–2505.

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210 HELP WANTED

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210 HELP WANTED

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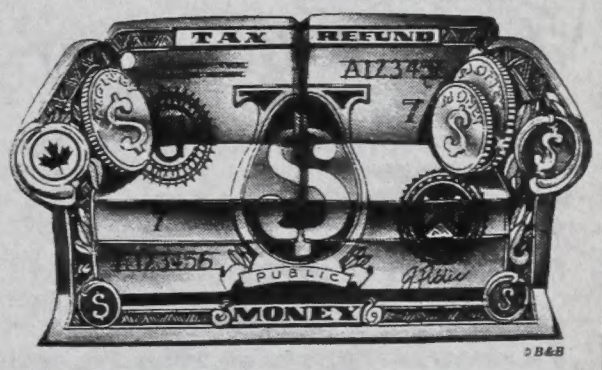

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"Travels to South East Asia" slide show and discussion with *Judy Chapman*
Wednesday, March 27
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
"Portrait Sketching"
Wednesday, April 10
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
"Folk Art Painting"
Wednesday, April 24
6:30 - 8:30
"Rug Hooking"
either **Wed., May 8**
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. or
Thursday, May 9
6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
HHGFA Members $3.00
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Call the REG at 457-2330 to register. Space limited.
CA

GOOD FOOD CELEBRATION
Sat., March 30
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HALIBURTON CHAPTER O.E.S.
CARD PARTY
Sat., March 23, 1996
7:00 p.m.
Place: Home of Margaret and George Bull, Grandview Place off Airport Rd., Hwy. 121
Refreshments! Prizes!
Admission: $2.50 each
Further details
286–3509 or 286–2283

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280 COMING EVENTS

THE 22ND ANNUAL M.N.R. PROVINCIAL HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS
'Featuring your own Minden Misfits and Haliburton Fire'
THURSDAY 21
10:00 a.m. Let the games begin!! (Minden, Haliburton)
12:00 p.m. Beer gardens open in Minden and Haliburton Arenas (sponsored by Hiram Walker and Sleeman's). Proceeds to Minden Minor Hockey, Batting for Kids/Minden Hospital Staff
3:00 p.m. Opening ceremonies (M.N.R. Minister Chris Hodgson will drop the puck!)
FRIDAY 22
9:00 a.m. Pancake breakfast at the Minden Arena (Proceeds to the Minden United Church Choir)
10:00 a.m. Games begin at Minden, Haliburton (is Gretzky still available?)
12:00 p.m. Beer gardens at the Minden and Haliburton Arenas (sponsored by Hiram Walker and Sleeman's). Proceeds to Minden Minor Hockey, Batting for Kids/Minden Hospital Staff
8:30 p.m. Comedian/singer: Adam Timoon entertains at the beer gardens above the Haliburton Arena (sponsored by Hiram Walker and Sleeman's). Proceeds to Batting for Kids/Minden Hospital
SATURDAY 23
9:00 a.m. Pancake breakfast at the Haliburton Arena (proceeds to The Haliburton Figure Skating Club)
10:00 a.m. Championship games start at the Haliburton Arena
11:00 a.m. Beer garden at the Haliburton Arena (sponsored by Hiram Walker and Sleeman's). Proceeds to the Minden Misfits Community Fund
8:00 p.m. Wrap-up Party/Dance at Minden Arena featuring "Summerwind" playing the sounds of today's country (sponsored by Hiram Walker and Sleeman's). Proceeds to the Haliburton Nordic Trails Association. $2.00 cover CA

Rails' End Gallery BUS TRIP
to *Art Gallery of Ontario* for NEW Group of Seven Show
Thurs., April 11, 1996
All-inclusive price - $50.00
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Further information
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310 NOTICES

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A support group for people who have been or are now challenged with cancer.
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Place: Haliburton United Church, Haliburton.
Time: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Family members welcome.
Contacts:
Jean Casey 457-1010,
Margaret Finlay 448-2556,
Helen Cox 286-2224.

HALIBURTON MINOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE
The league will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, March 27, at Sir Sandford Fleming College (Hwy. 118, Haliburton) at 7:00 p.m. All coaches, assistant coaches or anyone interested in helping in any way are invited to attend. For more information please contact Andy Salvatori at 457–2100 or evenings at 457–3693. **CA**

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320 PERSONAL

SHELO & DONNAO: Haveo mucho funo ino Mexico. Hasta la vista babyo. Loveo, **Juanita & Willardo.**

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330 THANK YOU

A SPECIAL THANK YOU goes out to Dr. Feracutti and all the staff at the Haliburton Hospital for their great work on my recent visit. A great big special thank you to Stephanie for her fantastic coaching efforts. To all my friends and the people who supported me through the last nine months, you will never know how much I thank you. Finally, I would like to express my undying love to the greatest parents around. I love you both very much and thank you for all the support you've given me and for making those three days the best I have ever had and showing me that he will always have a place in my heart. **Jean-Anne Middleton**

330 THANK YOU

WE WISH TO THANK the people at Extendicare. The kindness, care and affection shown by every member of the staff towards our father, Lorne, over the past 2 1/2 years has been something to behold and has touched our hearts. Thanks also to Dr. Hartwick for his professionalism and consideration to Dad and to us over this period of time. To the Ladies Auxiliary, Branch 129 of the Royal Canadian Legion, thank you for "adopting" Dad during his stay at Extendicare. Your visits, cards and gifts were much appreciated - **Helen and Don Campbell.**

COWEN: The family of the late Gwenyth Jacqueline Cowen wish to express our sincere thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy during our recent loss; to all who sent cards, flowers and made donations; a special thank you to Dr. Steve Feracutti, the doctors and nurses at Haliburton Hospital and the VON; also, doctors and nurses at Kidd Six, Kingston General Hospital; ambulance attendants for their kindness and concern; Haven of Rest Chapel for a delicious lunch after the service; staff of the Gordon Monk Funeral Home for their acts of kindness shown. A special thank you to Robert and Vicki Simpson for their constant love and support. **Christie, Susan and Leanna**

340 BIRTHS

CARDONA: Rusty and Susan are pleased to announce the arrival of a sister for Andrew,
EMMA ELIZABETH
9 lbs., 2 oz., at Ross Memorial Hospital on March 5. Emma is a granddaughter of Betty and Earle Barry of West Guilford and the late Clair and Mary Roberts of Haliburton.

OWENS-HOLLADAY: Congratulations Grandma and Grandpa "Hal", Ron and Dorothy Owens of Haliburton on your third grandchild,
BENJAMIN GRAHAM HOLLADAY-OWENS
born on Tuesday, March 12 at 9:32 a.m., at Wellesley Hospital in Toronto, weighing 7 lbs., 10 oz. His proud first-time parents are Rick Owens and Karen Holladay of Toronto. Uncle Brad Owens and Auntie Leah Tuck and Auntie Jan and Uncle Mark McMaster are thrilled with their new nephew. Cousins Sarah and Alex McMaster are very excited!

370 WEDDINGS

Fred and Marlene Nimigon of Haliburton, Ontario are happy to announce the marriage of their son,
JASON EDWARD
to
LISA MARIE
daughter of Johanna and Dale Henry of West Guilford, Ontario, on March 23, 1996 at the United Church, Haliburton, 4 p.m. Dance to follow at 8 p.m., West Guilford Community Centre. Family and friends welcome.

390 DEATH NOTICES

AT REST
HARTWICK, ALFRED GOULD: Of Whitchurch, Stouffville, went to be with his Lord on Wednesday, March 13, 1996 in his 85th year. Beloved husband of Laura Rapley. Loving father of Shirley and her late

390 DEATH NOTICES

Continued...
husband Emerson Campsall, Marie and her husband James Lloyd, Ronald and his wife Violet, David and his wife Maxine, Nancy and her husband Martin Shaw. Dearly loved grandfather of 16 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. Visitation and services were conducted at the Taylor Funeral Home, 524 Davis Drive, Newmarket, on Saturday, March 16, 1996, followed by interment at Aurora Cemetery.

400 IN MEMORIAM

COUMBS, CHRISTIE & FLORENCE - In loving memory of our dear grandparents; Christie, who passed away February 29, 1989 and Florence, who passed away March 19, 1993.
We can't have old days back,
When we were all together.
But secret tears and loving thoughts,
Will be in our hearts forever.
All our love, **grandsons Kenneth, Chris, wife Melinda and great grandson Christopher.**

ELLIS, ROBERT (BOB): In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandpa, who passed away March 22, 1992.
This month comes with sad regret
That brings a day we will never forget.
We watched you suffer and we suffered too
You never deserved what you went through.
We miss you more than anyone knows
As each day passes, the emptiness grows.
The tears we shed, we can wipe away
But the ache in our hearts will always stay.
Deeply missed and loved by **wife Peggy, Cathy and Dave Swan, Shawn, Amie, Jessica and Gavin Swan.**

GRIFFIN: In loving memory of my mom and dad, Ernest and Della Griffin, and brothers Allan, Lew, Gerald, Dick and sister Lila.
Years have passed since that sad day
When the ones we loved were called away.
God took them home - it was His will;
Within our hearts they liveth still.
You'll always be loved and remembered, by **Lottie.**

MANARY, "BOB" ROBERT ROY: In memory of "Bob" Robert Roy Manary who suddenly passed away March 21, 1993.
It seems like only yesterday you were here,
How we miss you, oh so dear.
Beautiful memories tenderly kept,
Of one we love and will never forget.
Sadly missed, **Tracy, Cherie, McKenna.**

In loving memory of
"BOB"
ROBERT ROY MANARY
It's been since March 21, 1993 you've passed away, sometimes it feels like only yesterday.
I think about you every day, thoughts of what we used to do and say.
Your companionship I will always miss.
Dolly ❤

400 IN MEMORIAM

PRIEST, VERNA: In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother who passed away March 21, 1987.
Things we feel most deeply
Are the hardest things to say,
Dearest Mom, we loved you
In a very special way.
If we could have one lifetime wish
One dream that could come true
We'd pray to God with all our hearts
For yesterday, and you.
Forever loved and in our thoughts, **daughter Elaine, son-in-law Rendal & Family.**

400 IN MEMORIAM

ROSS, EDWARD - In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and a great grandfather who passed away March 21, 1995.
Silent thoughts of times together
Hold memories that will last forever.
Lovingly remembered, **wife Emily and Family.**

SIMS, BEV - In memory of a dear father and grandfather, who passed away March 24, 1961.
Your smile has gone forever,
And your hand we cannot touch,

400 IN MEMORIAM

Continued...
We have so many memories,
Of you, we loved so much.
Always remembered, **Shirley, Sandy and Family.**

SIMS, BEVERLEIGH - In loving memory of a dear father Bev, who passed away March 24, 1961.
Dear God, please take a message
To our father in Heaven above.
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DORSET *News*

Phyllis Briscoe
766-2237

Happy birthday to Ted Morris, Aubrey Keown, Shannon Nixon and Dustin Clark.

Although winter may still take a nasty swing at us, we can relax in the knowledge that spring will soon be officially here. The sun is giving off warm rays and the long daylight evenings that we are not enjoying give a lift to the spirits.

On Friday, February 23, 1996 a baby boy, weighing 7 lbs., 12 oz. arrived to bless the home of Penny and King Chan of Hamilton. Nicholas is a brother for Amanda, a new grandson for Norma Lovegrove and a new great grandson for Hazel Sears.

We realize that there has to be cutbacks to balance the budget, etc. but when it threatens the health of the citizens of the country it really riles our blood. We have an excellent medical community in Huntsville with a well facilitated hospital with an excellent medical staff, but they are gradually being forced to shut down wards and eventually won't be able to take care of patients badly in need of attention. What is going to happen to our fine M.D.s when they can't get a hospital bed for a seriously ill patient? Will we lose them to other areas, south of the border, for instance? It's a sad dilemma we are in. Let's hope a solution is found before there is too much progression in this direction.

Sympathy of the community is extended to the family of Gwen Raven who passed away at her home at Paint Lake on Tuesday, February 20. Funeral services were held in the chapel at Addison's Funeral Home in Huntsville on February 22, Rev. Paul Morley officiating. After the service friends gathered at the Dorset Senior Club with the family members to pay their respects and express their condolences.

Gwen will long be remembered by her many friends. She was a dynamic personality and was very active in the Dorset Senior Club, of which she was a founding member. During her tenure as president she organized several fund-raising events, one of which is still being followed. She will be greatly missed.

H.H. Toss freshly cut fruit in lemon juice and it will not discolour. Juice of half a lemon will do one or two quarts of fruit.

HALIBURTON COUNTY *Community Events*

March 21 ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE for Seniors (over 50), $3 dinner with '96 membership. Music starts at 4:30 p.m. Dinner served at 5:30 p.m. Haliburton Legion Brnach 129, 457-2571.

March 21, 22 & 23 MNR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT "Free Admission, Haliburton and Minden Arenas. Proceeds to Community Projects and groups.

March 23 "LOON MAGIC" - Sat. March 23, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Deer Lodge. Mr. Harry Vogel from the Long Point Bird Observatory will be speaking on the Common Loon. A donation of a "Loonie" for the Loons will be taken at the door. Please call Lynda at 447-2348 to register due to limited seating.

March 27 TRAVELS TO SOUTH EAST ASIA Slide Show and Discussion at Rails' End Gallery, Wed. March 27, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Call 457-2330 to register.

April 10 PORTRAIT SKETCHING WORKSHOP at Rails' End Gallery, Wed. April 10, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Call 457-2330 to register.

April 11 BUS TRIP TO ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO. See New Group of Seven show. Price $50 includes bus, A.G.O. entrance and dinner. For details call Rails' End Gallery, 457-2330.

April 24 Join Haliburton County Home Support Services to see "Sunset Blvd." Registration Day, March 7, 1996. For further details call 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.

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